

# Creative Writing

## Course Information:

0.5 Credit

Asynchronous Spark Course

Course Site: <https://akgrad.sparkeducation.com/>

## Course Description:

This course provides an introduction to the fundamental concepts of storytelling and fictional writing, including characterization, world-building, dialogue, conflict, plot, and incorporating socio-cultural themes, as well as provides opportunities for students to practice and build their writing skills through writing prompts.

**Course Organization:** The course is divided into six units.

## Materials Required:

- Computer or tablet with Internet access

**Academic Dishonesty:** With most correspondence courses as well as AKGrad & YKSD, honesty of parents and students is essential. If an AK Grad teacher confirms that a student has plagiarized work or used AI, the student will receive a 0 and be subject to consequences determined by their school of record.

**Grading:** In this course you will be graded on free-writes, assignments, and projects.

- **Free-Writes:** There are 46 free-writes. These prompts are designed to be vague. Let your imagination run with them. Think outside the box and whatever comes to mind when you read the prompt go for it. Typically these should be about half a page.
- **Assignments:** There are 18 assignments. These are designed to help build up your final papers. Assignments include short written assignments, surveys, outlines, illustrations, and collages.
- **Final Projects:** There are 5 projects. These are more extensive and formal writing projects. Final projects vary in length with the longest being at least six pages, double spaced.

The following grading scale will be used for determining your final grade. After completing the course with a "D-" or better you will receive one Carnegie credit from the Yukon Koyukuk School District.

Percent	Grade
97% - 100%	A+
93% - 96%	A
90% - 92%	A-
87% - 89%	B+
83% - 86%	B
80% - 82%	B-
77% - 79%	C+
73% - 76%	C
70% - 72%	C-
67% - 69%	D+
63% - 66%	D
60% - 62%	D-
< 60%	F

**Course Schedule:** Though you are in charge of your own schedule, we will encourage you to create a schedule for completing the course. As your teacher, I will support you in meeting your goals. A pacing guide is provided in the course. The following is a list of Units that need to be completed.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Unit: Just Your Voice</li> <li>● Unit: A New World</li> <li>● Unit: Characters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Unit: Telling a Story</li> <li>● Unit: Authors</li> <li>● Unit: What Did That Say?</li> </ul>

## **Subject to Change**

This syllabus and schedule are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances. Your instructor will notify you of changes via Spark announcements.