



Dubuque COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Course Syllabus: Creative Writing

Course Description

This course is for students who have mastered basic composition skills and wish to continue to stretch and challenge themselves as writers through the art of creative writing. Students will be writing original poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction. Students will read the work of professional writers and apply the principles of imaginative writing to their own work. Students will share their work with their peers and give and receive feedback, which is then used to improve writing. Students will also conduct research, which will be used to enhance their writing and create a multi genre research portfolio. Work may be polished and submitted for real-life publications.

[View the Iowa Core Standards related to this course](#)

Resources

Core text:

- *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote

Supporting/supplemental resource:

- *Capote* (2005)

Grading Scale

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

Parent/Guardian Access to Canvas

Parents/guardians may access their student's courses as an observer on the district's Canvas Learning Management System.

[Instructions: How to Observe Your Child's Canvas Classes](#)