

CREATIVE WRITING (Y34)

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These lessons are designed for students to experiment with as many styles, genres and types of writing as possible, whilst also making them fun and engaging along the way. My lessons start with the more conventional types of writing that they may be more familiar with and branch out into writing styles they are unlikely to have been exposed to before. The lessons will be discussion based and student-led and involve a lot of critical thinking skills and working on the development of a unique writing style and encouraging each individual's rhetorical flair.

Lesson 1 & 2: Adventure Writing

These lessons focus on introducing the main elements of writing: character, plot and setting. In this class we will consider how to create authentic and interesting characters, how to plan using a story arc, and will introduce the concept of "show don't tell", all revolving around the prompt of famous villains and writing their own stories with pre-established characters.

Lesson 3 & 4: Persuasive Writing

These lessons focus on introducing the concept of persuasive writing, looking at persuasive techniques, logos, ethos and pathos and how to conduct a debate. This will introduce them to writing a persuasive piece using Point, Evidence, Explain on the question of "if you could have a superpower, what would it be?".

Lesson 5 & 6: Descriptive Writing

These lessons focus on how to write a vivid descriptive piece, as opposed to plot-driven narrative piece. It will look at broadening vocabulary, working on characterisation and analysing language choice, based on the prompt of creating and describing a school of their own imagination that has special and magical elements to it.

Lesson 7 & 8: Poetry Writing

These lessons focus on introducing the students to poetry writing, looking at poetic techniques, how to conjure up vivid imagery, and different forms of poetry. The class will think about what makes a poem a poem and come up with different types of poetry in response to a story.

Lesson 9 & 10: Myths & Legends

These lessons focus on myths and legends, thinking about using Greek mythology to create fun, engaging and captivating stories for the class to tell. We will learn about famous myths and legends, think about the idea of quests and discuss the role of fantasy within them.