

Summer 2024
Center for Gifted Studies

VAMPY WRITING 2024

VAMPY WRITING is a three-week course that is language intensive and conducted as a writing/reading workshop. Students will compose in a variety of writing modes throughout the course for differing purposes. Each composition is an exercise in critical thinking and creativity.

Initially, students set literacy goals and then are given choices in writing and reading related to exposition, poetry, fiction, and argument. The writing process is emphasized as well as the writer's audience, purpose, and voice. In the final week, students are responsible for submitting a folder of best work, including a written self-assessment. The culminating activity is a presentation of multigenre-multimodal projects--writing that integrates fiction, poetry, and prose in a multimodal fashion to make a statement about which the writer is passionate. In addition, students will respond in writing to both nonfiction and fiction works in their writer's notebooks throughout the course.

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WRITING

Each day several writing prompts and opportunities for writing will be offered. Over the three weeks, students will create a writing folder of their best work along with a written self-assessment detailing their growth towards their self-directed writing goals.

READING

Good reading frequently promotes good writing. Students will read both nonfiction and fiction with attention to writers' skillful use of written language and ideas offered for writing. These selections will be both instructor selected and student selected. Students will bridge the reading and writing process by analyzing the craft of other writers and working to imitate these various styles in their own writing.

SPEAKING

In addition to peer response groups and daily whole class sharing, students will present their multi-genre-multimodal project to the class articulating the purpose and rationale of their selections.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

Being part of a writing group means that you are willing to take risks and share your thoughts with others. It also means that you are respectful of others and their ideas shared. The expectations are simple:

1. Put forth your best effort every day.
2. Try new things that are out of your comfort zone.
3. Be polite and courteous to your classmates.

Study Hall

Study Hall will be a time in which students will be given a writing assignment or reading assignment to complete to prepare for the next day's instruction.

Social Media Use

Students will work independently on writing assignments at times and should be actively engaged in their work refraining from using social media as a distraction. Thank you for self-monitoring your use so that the instructor can spend time providing feedback to students instead of redirecting behavior.