

CREATIVE WRITING 11 (4 credits)

Description

Creative Writing 11 is designed for students who are interested in using writing for self-expression and various creative purposes. The course provides students with in-depth opportunities to become better writers through the exploration of personal and cultural identities, memories, and stories in a wide range of genres. Within a supportive community, students will collaborate and develop their skills through writing and design processes. Creative Writing 11 is grounded in the exploration and application of writing processes, inviting students to express themselves creatively as they experiment with, reflect on, extend, and refine their writing.

The following are possible areas of focus within Creative Writing 11:

- Short fiction and poetry — suggested content includes flash-fiction (micro-fiction, drabble, non-fiction, twitterature), graffiti, sub-genres (e.g., adventure, children’s literature, comic/ graphic, fantasy, fan-fiction, historical fiction, horror, sci-fi, dystopian, suspense, thriller, tragedy, romance), drama, script writing, poetry, authenticity versus sentimentality, literary devices and techniques, various forms, the relationship between form and function
- Creative non-fiction — suggested content includes columns, features, articles, queries, captions, layout, reporting, interviews, reviews (fashion, movie), advertising, titles, bylines, sample readings
- Memoir — suggested content includes place-based writing, narrative, film memoir, sample readings

Suggested interdisciplinary links:

- writing from the perspective of historical figures (Social Studies)
- dialogue of various languages, dialects, colloquialisms (International Languages)
- publishing process and industry (Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies)
- writing lyrics for songs (Music)
- advertising writing accompanied by art/graphics (Visual Art; Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies)

BIG IDEAS

The exploration of **text** and **story** deepens our understanding of diverse, complex ideas about identity, others, and the world.

Texts are socially, culturally, geographically, and historically constructed.

Language shapes ideas and influences others.

Creative writers take risks, fail, and try again.

Creative writers are **observant** of the world.

Writers write for **authentic audiences** and **real-world purposes**.

Learning Standards

Curricular Competencies	Content
<p><i>Using oral, written, visual, and digital texts, students are expected individually and collaboratively to be able to:</i></p> <p>Comprehend and connect (reading, listening, viewing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read for enjoyment and to achieve personal goals • Recognize and appreciate the role of story, narrative, and oral tradition in expressing First Peoples perspectives, values, beliefs, and points of view • Recognize the diversity within and across First Peoples societies represented in texts • Recognize the influence of place in First Peoples and Canadian texts • Access information for diverse purposes and from a variety of sources and evaluate its relevance, accuracy, and reliability • Apply appropriate strategies in a variety of contexts to comprehend written, oral, visual, and multimodal texts; guide inquiry; and extend thinking • Synthesize ideas from a variety of texts/sources • Recognize and appreciate how different forms, structures, and features of texts reflect a variety of purposes, audiences, and messages • Think critically, creatively, and reflectively to explore ideas within, between, and beyond texts • Recognize and identify the role of personal, social, and cultural contexts, values, and perspectives in texts • Recognize and identify the role of personal, social, and cultural contexts, values, and perspectives in texts • Recognize how language constructs personal, social, and cultural identity • Construct meaningful personal connections between self, text, and world 	<p><i>Students are expected to know the following:</i></p> <p>Writer's processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exploration of and experimentation with various voices, styles, and perspectives • writing for authentic audiences and real-world purposes • writing practice • the importance of reading other writers <p>Writer-reader relationship</p> <p>Text features and structures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • features and structures of First Peoples text: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – narrative structures found in First Peoples texts – issues related to the ownership of First Peoples texts, and protocols for their use <p>Writing forms and genres</p> <p>Writing style</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • literary techniques, devices, forms and formats • stylistic choices

Learning Standards (continued)

Curricular Competencies	Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to text in personal, creative, and critical ways • Evaluate how literary elements, techniques, and devices enhance and shape meaning and impact • Recognize an increasing range of text structures and how they contribute to meaning <p>Create and communicate (writing, speaking, representing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respectfully exchange ideas and viewpoints from diverse perspectives to build shared understanding and extend thinking • Demonstrate speaking and listening skills in a variety of formal and informal contexts for a range of purposes • Select and apply an appropriate spoken language format for an intended purpose • Use writing and design processes to plan, develop, and create engaging and meaningful literary, imaginative, and informational texts for a variety of purposes and audiences • Express and support an opinion with credible evidence • Reflect on, assess, and refine texts to improve their clarity, effectiveness, and impact according to purpose, audience, and message • Use the conventions of Canadian spelling, grammar, and punctuation proficiently and as appropriate to the context • Use acknowledgements and citations to recognize intellectual property rights • Transform ideas and information to create original texts, using new or unfamiliar genres, forms, structures, and styles • Manipulate language purposefully • Use figurative as well as literal language 	