

ENGLISH II - Winter Term Assignment

Creative Writing Assignment: Due **January 12th, 2021**

During the winter term, students will complete a creative writing assignment to prepare for our study on *To Kill a Mockingbird* during the second semester. Students will write a short story based on a personal experience, written in the first person, and incorporating various creative writing tools (assigned vocabulary, descriptive language, etc.). The story should center on the idea of *childhood* and *growing up*.

Successful student projects will

- Be written in first person
- Be based on a personal experience
- Incorporate descriptive and figurative language
- Apply correct grammatical conventions and vocabulary

Final projects will be due on **January 12th, 2021**; however, several smaller assignments will be given during the break that will help students to put together their final piece. Video lessons will be recorded to provide guidance for each individual assignment; students may elect to watch the recorded lecture at their convenience. Each video and accompanying assignment will be posted on Google Classroom and linked to PlusPortal. **Students do not have to turn in their Winter Term Notebooks for each assignment. Work will be graded via check-ins on individual notebooks.**

Below is our timeline of assignments (released every Tuesday):

- December 1st - Video Lesson #1: Brainstorming a Story
 - Due by Sunday, December 6th @ 11:59p
 - Story Pitches
 - Vocabulary Lesson 2
- December 8th - Video Lesson #2: Show, Don't Tell
 - Due by Sunday December 13th @ 11:59p
 - Descriptive Language Activity
 - Vocabulary Lesson 3
- December 15th - Video Lesson #3: Figurative Language
 - Due by Sunday 20th @ 11:59pm
 - Figurative Language Activity
 - Vocabulary Lesson 4

- **Tuesday, January 5th by 11:59p**
 - **Rough Draft of Story is due on Google Classroom!**

- **Tuesday, January 12th by 8:00a**
 - **Final Draft of Story due on Google Classroom with notes incorporated from the rough draft submission!**

Final projects will be graded according to the following scale:

Video Activities & Vocab - 10 pts. each

Rough Draft - 10pts.

Final Paper - 60pts. (Graded according to our "Creative Writing Rubric")

Final project grades will be out of 80 pts. and will be tallied into a student's second semester grade under "Final projects, performance tasks, & exams"