
Creative Writing Syllabus

10 Weeks

POETRY

- LESSON ONE** **Come to Your Senses**
Skills: Manuscript Form; Poem Form; Imagery
- LESSON TWO** **Clothing the Bones**
Skills: Avoid Clichés; Poet’s form; Imagery
- LESSON THREE** **Found Poem**
Skills: Line breaks; Page Arrangement; Stanzas; Title; Citation; New meaning
- LESSON FOUR** **School Bells**
Skills: Similes & Metaphors; Avoid Clichés; Imagery
- LESSON FIVE** **How Free Is Free Verse?**
William Carlos Williams Poem
Skills: Free Verse; Alliteration; Assonance;
- LESSON SIX** **Junque Poem or Colors or House**
Skills: Connotation; Avoid clichés; Vivid Imagery
- LESSON SEVEN** **Delightful Lies Poem or The Lost Sense**
Skills: Hyperbole; Allusion; Similes & Metaphors
- LESSON EIGHT** **What Work Is**
Skills: Tightening; Show, Don’t Tell; Strong Verbs
- LESSON NINE** **Warnings! Poem or Halloween**
Skills: Tightening; Show, Don’t Tell; Strong Verbs
- LESSON TEN** **Arts and Crafts Poem**
Skills: Tightening; Theme; Student’s Choice

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FICTION

LESSON ELEVEN	Setting Skills: Metaphor/Simile; SDT Time-Place-Mood; Imagery
LESSON TWELVE	From Fact to Fiction Skills: Setting; SDT; Fiction Techniques
LESSON THIRTEEN	Dialogue Sketch Skills: Good Dialogue; Strong Verbs; Punctuation & Indention
LESSON FOURTEEN	Character Sketch Skills: Four Techniques; Tightening; Complete Sentences
LESSON FIFTEEN	Point-of-View Sketch Skills: Consistent P-O-V; Interesting Beginning; Complete Sentences; Cumulative Sentences
LESSON SIXTEEN	Conflict/Plot Sketch Skills: Clear Conflict/Plot; SDT; Cumulative Sentences/Punctuation
LESSON SEVENTEEN	Short Story Skills: All fiction skills; SDT; Complete Sentences/Punctuation
LESSON EIGHTEEN	One Act Play Drama Format; Dialogue; Plot
LESSON NINETEEN	Portfolio
Lesson Twenty	Semester Review