

# Coronado High School English Department

Department criteria for selecting students for **Creative Writing**

Expectations of a Student in: **Creative Writing**

Course Prerequisites	Teacher recommendation Students must have good writing skills. They should LIKE to write and understand the elements of good writing. They should have mastered basic sentence structure and paragraph writing and be able to write with few grammar and spelling errors
Personality Profile	Members of the staff should be resourceful and able to problem solve when things don't go as planned. They should be flexible and able to adjust when things don't go as expected. Students should not be fearful of trying new forms of writing. They should be creative. They also need to self-advocate and be able to ask for help when they need it.
Homework	Students will be assigned various poems, short stories, memoirs, free write from photos, and perfect paragraphs during class; whatever work is not completed in class will become homework.
Assignments	Throughout the year, students will be assigned assignments on various topics such as: adversity, love, school, family, faith, fiction, and non-fiction. Students will need to express these ideas and emotions through poetry and prose. Eventually, the writing will filter in the student produced literary magazine.
Participation	Students need to be able to engage in class discussions and share their ideas. They are expected to be present in class to do this. They also need to be able to work in groups. Both of these elements will count toward their grades.
Attendance	Students need to be present. Students are creating pieces of writing that will eventually go into the literary magazine. We rely on each other to edit each other's work and provide positive feedback.
Assessment	Students will be evaluated on writing, participation, and meeting deadlines. If the student's writing does not meet expectations, it will not be published.
Goals	The goal is to publish a literary magazine by the end of the third quarter of the school year. Students should make every effort to be published.