

# Calendar-Based Curriculum Map: Creative Writing

	August/September	October	November
<b>Essential Question</b>	How does the author's point of view change a text?	Who can help me become a better writer?	How can one describe something in a way never thought of before?
<b>Content</b>	<p>Introduce literary devices</p> <p>Introduce point of view</p> <p>Introduce brain storming and how to actively use it effectively</p> <p>Peer editing</p> <p>What's a free write?</p>	<p>Use peers to help obtain ideas and work together to form a story</p> <p>Communicating with only text</p> <p>Interviews</p> <p>Dialogue</p>	<p>Adjectives</p> <p>Daily life</p> <p>Thinking outside the box</p> <p>Considering the audience</p>
<b>Skills</b>	<p>Create a new story based upon a different point of view</p> <p>Create a story based off a picture</p> <p>Identify what point of view a text is written in</p> <p>Use peer editing to help become a better writer</p>	<p>Work in groups to reach a common goal</p> <p>Comprehend reading</p> <p>Understand dialect and what its purpose is</p> <p>Write interview questions</p> <p>Use interviews to create a portrait in the reader's mind</p> <p>Writing dialogue</p>	<p>Create a "Who am I" poem</p> <p>Find a new use for an ordinary item</p> <p>Describe the ordinary in an extraordinary way</p> <p>Writing for children</p> <p>Illustrations</p>

<p><b>Assessments</b></p>	<p>Worksheets Brainstorming diagrams Rough drafts Picture is worth a 1000 words Peer edit sheets Free writes</p>	<p>Reading aloud Partner reading Silent reading Listening skills Character analyses Tandem stories Portrait of a writer Using quotation marks correctly Creating realistic characters</p>	<p>Silent reading Descriptions of objects Historical Figure Poem Children's books Group work</p>
<p><b>Activities/Resources</b></p>	<p>Journaling Free Writing Writing Peer edit sessions Student examples</p>	<p>Journaling Free Writing Peer edit sessions Student examples</p>	<p>Journaling Worksheets Slice of Life Stories <i>Snapshots</i> Student examples Children's books completed in groups</p>

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	December	January	February
<b>Essential Question</b>	How does one create a believable character?	How do writers obtain their inspiration?	How does one write a short story and connect many seemingly different elements?
<b>Content</b>	Rounded characters Flat characters Elements of characters	Observation of the world around us	Setting Situation/Challenge Characters
<b>Skills</b>	Create a character by only reading a classified ad	Using the world for inspiration Finding interest in odd places	Using many different elements of a story to make a short story
<b>Assessments</b>	Embellish an ad - character sketch	People watching forms Character creation	Class work Class discussion Creation of jumble story
<b>Activities/Resources</b>	Journaling Free Writing Newspaper Internet Character sketch	Journaling Creating a character based upon observations of people	Journaling Free Writing Jumble stories <i>NCTE-Talk</i>


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	March	April	May
<b>Essential Question</b>	How much of meaning comes from words?	What makes one board game better than another?	What are the various ways in which language use can affect the reader and the writer?
<b>Content</b>	Understanding how some people view texts differently Charades Analyzing word choice Connotation	Review of existing board games What sales Using colors that are aesthetically pleasing Design	Evaluating the impact of the author's decision by analyzing word choice, content, style, and literary elements.
<b>Skills</b>	Use context clues to understand word meaning Acting Reading a form of English which students are not completely familiar with Widened vocabulary	Writing clear instructions Creating interest with visual elements Using tactile elements to help add interest	Identify literary elements Write poetry using specific formats Identify specific formats of poetry
<b>Assessments</b>	Reflection essay Charades	Board game Group work Participation	Poetry writing
<b>Activities/Resources</b>	Journaling William Shakespeare's <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Journaling Free Writing toolsforeducators.com	Journaling Free Writing Selection of grade

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