



# Liberty Middle School

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## Creative Writing II

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<b>Classroom Digital Platforms</b>	<b>Webpage Link:</b> <a href="https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/Domain/1880">https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/Domain/1880</a>
<b>Instructional Materials</b>	<p>No textbook is utilized for Creative Writing II.</p> <p>Parents and guardians can access all materials through the Schoology platform.</p>
<b>Course Description</b>	<p>In this course, students will build on the skills that were introduced in Creative Writing I. Students will participate in Writing Workshop, where original pieces are revised through collaboration and productive feedback from other writers. Students will also focus on mentor texts to help guide their own writing process while focusing on specific writing strategies. By the end of this course, students will have created a portfolio of their own pieces from a variety of genres.</p>
<b>Course Objectives</b>	<p>Students will build on the skills developed in Creative Writing I by expanding their literary talents into new genres. The purpose of creative writing is to inspire students to express themselves through the exploration of various writing styles and techniques. Students will develop clear and concise writing skills through the execution of writing assignments and the application of proofreading and editing skills. Students will develop and display clear written and verbal communication skills.</p>
<b>Course Outline</b>	<p><b>Unit 1:</b> Dystopian Short Stories  <b>Unit 2:</b> Poetry  <b>Unit 3:</b> Mysteries (Final project for the course)</p> <p><i>*These units are subject to change depending on the needs and interests of students in the class.</i></p>
<b>Classroom Expectations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cell phones must be powered down and in a backpack from 8:15 am - 3:20 pm.</li> <li>2. Be seated and ready for class when the bell rings. Students tardy to class will receive a detention per LMS policy.</li> <li>3. Come prepared for class. Bring all necessary supplies.</li> <li>4. Respect your teacher, your classmates, and yourself.</li> <li>5. If it's not yours, don't touch it. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.</li> <li>6. We are an allergy-aware classroom. Only approved food items are allowed. No drinks other than water are permitted.</li> </ol> <p>All students must follow the <a href="#">Madison City Schools Code of Conduct</a>.</p>
<b>Technology &amp; Cell Phone/Digital Device Procedures</b>	<p>Effective July 1, 2025, the use, operation, or possession of Wireless Communications Devices including but not limited to cellular telephones, tablet computers, laptop computers, pagers, gaming devices, smart watches, earphones or headphones in school buildings or on school grounds during the Instructional Day, is prohibited. Violation of Board policy with respect to such use, operation, or possession of Wireless Communication Devices may constitute a Class II. Madison City Schools has outlined an Electronic/Wireless Device Policy (Policy 6.20) on page 137 of the MCS Policy Manual.</p> <p>Students should bring their MCS chromebooks and chargers to class each day. Teachers monitor student activity and participation; however, students are responsible for their activity on school-issued devices and using their MCS accounts.</p>

<b>Progressive Discipline</b>	<p>Liberty Middle School Classroom Management Plan:</p> <p><b>Step 1:</b> Verbal warning</p> <p><b>Step 2:</b> Student/teacher conference with parent notification</p> <p><b>Step 3:</b> Parent contact/conference</p> <p><b>Step 4:</b> Detention</p> <p><b>Step 5:</b> Referral to administration for repeat Class I violations and initial Class II and Class III offenses (<a href="#">Madison City Schools Code of Conduct</a>)</p>
<b>Grading Policy (MCS Policy)</b>	<p><b>60%</b> = Assessments (Tests, Essays, Projects)</p> <p><b>40%</b> = Daily Grades (Quizzes, Homework, Classwork, and Participation)</p>
<b>Late Work Policy</b>	<p>10% will be deducted off the assignment per week late. After three weeks, the maximum grade a student can receive on a late assignment is 65%. Each unit will have a cutoff date for late work. After this date, no late work will be accepted.</p>
<b>Make-up Work/Test Policy</b>	<p>Students with excused absences will be allowed to make-up all work within THREE (3) days of returning to school per excused absence. <b>It is the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work.</b> Students are asked to check Schoology for any work missed in class. There is a weekly folder where the lesson will be available to access. Students will need to connect with the teacher to pick up any missed handouts upon return. <b>For each assignment submitted on Schoology after the deadline, a Late/Missing Work Submission Form must be completed in order to receive a grade.</b></p>
<b>Writing Assessment Failure Policy</b>	<p>Students who score a 64% or below on writing assessment may complete an additional task at the teacher's discretion to earn a maximum grade of 65%.</p>
<b>Supplies</b>	<p>Students will need a three-prong folder, composition book, notebook, or small binder for this course.</p>
<b>Homework</b>	<p>Students will not be assigned work to complete outside of the class block. The only way students will have homework is if they do not complete their classwork within the class block. Students will be given ample time to complete the assigned writing assignments in class.</p>
<b>Cheating, Plagiarism, and AI</b>	<p><b><u>Cheating (Per the MCS Student Code of Conduct):</u></b> A student who cheats will not receive credit for the work in question. If any other student has cooperated in the cheating, that student is also considered to have cheated and will not receive credit. Cheating students will also be subject to the consequences in the disciplinary consequences in Section XXII.</p> <p>Cheating is defined to include, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Copying someone else's work in or out of class and identifying it and submitting it as your own</li> <li>b) Failing to quote and/or list appropriate citations for material derived from published sources (including the Internet) and identifying and submitting it as your own</li> <li>c) The use of unauthorized notes, other materials, or assistance during the accomplishment of graded work in or out of class</li> <li>d) Any other situation in which the student attempts to or accepts credit for work not his or her own</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Plagiarism:</u></b> Plagiarism on an assignment directly violates the above excerpt from the MCS Student Code of Conduct; therefore, the student will not receive credit for the work in question.</p> <p><b><u>Artificial Intelligence (AI):</u></b> The unauthorized use of AI on an assignment directly violates the MCS Student Code of Conduct; therefore, the student will not receive credit for the work in question. Any work written, developed, created, or inspired by artificial intelligence without explicit permission from the teacher is considered plagiarism.</p>

***This syllabus is subject to change.***

***Please return this signed slip by Monday, August 11th, 2025***

## ***Syllabus Acknowledgement***

**Please sign below to acknowledge the following:**

I have read and understand Mrs. Hutchison's classroom policies, procedures, expectations, and syllabus.

As a **student**, I agree to abide by the classroom guidelines.

As a **parent**, I am aware of the policies/procedures and have discussed them with my child.

**Parent/Guardian Name** *(printed)* \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name** *(printed)* \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Question/Comments/Concerns**