

Creative Writing Summer Homework 2023

Grade 7 Techniques II

Due August 17, 2023

50 points

Reading journal: handwritten in a composition notebook or typed in 12 font.

The reading journal contains evidence of what you read (titles, authors, book and serves as a place to collect drafts and ideas of what you are writing and thinking about writing during the summer.

The reading journal (RJ) should include quotes from all of your reading that show what you notice and admire: lines of description in short stories and novels, lines of poetry, facts from articles, podcasts and documentaries, etc. The reading journal should demonstrate your observations and reactions in careful, thoughtful, original prose. A student once created a magnificent poem from lines in their reading journal. You are writing down what you read AND what you think.

Finally, the reading journal should include drafts or pieces of at least two stories, two poems and other work that reflects your particular interests. This might be panels for a graphic novel, a podcast script, the first scene of a play, a movie pitch, etc. Use your reading (above) to experiment with style, formatting, subject matter, etc. Use research to develop the complexity and specificity of your ideas.

In your RJ, I want you to keep in mind the reasons that human beings create, refine and share works of art. Why are these cultural artifacts part of our world? How do they connect us? What do they help us discover? Use these pieces of language (world, connect, discovery) explicitly in your analysis. Actively seek and articulate the insights that enduring and celebrated writing contains.

Read short stories, books, poems and journalism. Document everything in your reading journal. If you aren't sure what to read, ask a public librarian! They will be happy to help.

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I have read the summer homework requirements due August 17, 2023.

Student signature

Date

