

## Syllabus for Perspectives in Writing

Course Title: Perspectives in Writing

Course Description: This course will focus on how to help children utilize writing craft, as modeled through children's literature, within their own writing. Also, how we can empower young writers to write in a variety of genres.

Credits: 1

Faculty/Instructor: Nancy McSkimming

Instructional Method: Lecture, Discussion, and Hands-on.

Required Text/References (if any): none

Course Objectives: Modeling lessons and developing units of study that are designed to provide young writers with a vision for writing in various genres. How to use our favorite author's as our "models" for developing a deeper understanding of the power of writing. We will delve into varying genres of writing; using mentor texts to explore and create writing activities that correlate with the Common Core and will motivate a classroom of aspiring writers.

Course Content/Topics/Outline:

Authors Purpose-Writing Craft

Narrative Writing-

Memoirs

Heart Maps

Everyday Poetry

Informational Writing-

Nonfiction Feature Fun

Profiles

Photo Essays

Persuasive/Opinion

Writers are Readers

Evaluation Methods:

Participation in class

Small group discussions

Project based lessons that reflect course objectives