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Course Description: A sophomore literature course also serving as an introduction to creative writing with structured practice in reading, analyzing, and responding to literature, as

well as the production of short fiction and poetry.

Prerequisites: Proficiency requirement in composition.

Objectives: To gain knowledge of the craft of creative writing, as well as the ability to analyze and evaluate the ideas and structure of literature.

Assessment: Student learning will be assessed by quizzes, reading discussions, story and poetry analysis, and original creative works.

Course Grade: The following grades will be averaged to determine the final course grade:

Average of Quizzes, Daily Work, Magazine Guidelines,

and Class Discussions (40%)

Writing Project: Rough Drafts, Peer Edits, Final (60%)

Grading Scale: 90-100 = A; 80-89 = B; 70-79 = C; 60-69 = D; 59 and 60 = C

Required Texts: Reading material will be provided by the teacher through emails, Google docs, or in the form of handouts for classroom analysis.

Attendance Policy: AISD attendance policies will be followed for the class.

Weekly Assignments

Jan 4-7	Introduction to course.
Jan 10-14	"Worst Holiday Story" and introduction to psychological thriller
	Phobia short story assignment and read "The Lottery"
Jan 17-28	Finish ASU submissions. Edit submissions for the literary
	magazine—Gallimaufry.
Jan 31-4	Layout for the literary magazine. Peer edits on stories.
Feb 7-11	Dialogue and description week. "My father sits in the Dark"
Feb 14-18	Building the drama. Examine Hitchcock and "Blink"
Feb 21-25	Psychological Thriller Story Due!
Feb 28-4	Women writers of the 20th century. "The Story of an Hour"
March 14-18	Spring Break!
March 21-25	"The Yellow Wallpaper" and "To Room 19"
March 28-1	Complete edits and format for the literary journal.
April 4-8	Poetry Project Due!
April 11-15	Coffeehouse and release party of the literary journal.
April 18-22	Individual projects and peer edits.
Apr 25-29	Individual projects and peer edits.
May 2-6	Finals Week! Projects due with submission proof.

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Ms. Dallas A. Swafford

Director of Student Disability Services

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Director of Title IX Compliance

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