

# CREATIVE WRITING



**HELPFUL HINTS**

# SUGGESTED CREATIVE WRITING PROCEDURES

A creative writing project is a great learning experience for all students. Students may enter a story or poem. Short Stories must be 2-12 pages in length. They should be presented in a book format. Poems must be a minimum of 14 lines in length. Legibility, style and grammar will be considered.

## STEP 1 - Planning - Pre-Writing

- discussing
- researching
- brainstorming
- story mapping & webbing (use graphic organizer provided or make your own web)

## STEP 2 - First Draft

- Get your ideas down on paper
- Review the key story elements: plot, character, mood, setting, theme and resolution. Ensure you have the 5W's: who, where, what happened, when and how did it end, and why?

## STEP 3 - Revising

- Review your story -- add or delete any information that is not needed.
- Reorder and reorganize elements of the story
- Review story for: focus, sequence and content

## STEP 4 - Editing

Check the text for the following elements:

- complete sentences
- punctuation
- spelling
- grammar
- capital letters
- word choice and synonyms

NB: Each story will be judged on grade appropriate skills

## STEP 5 - Publishing

- Bind the story in a book format -- add a cover & illustrations
- If you wish to coil bind the book (ask your teacher for help)

## **STEP 6 - Set up the project**

- Set up a time line:
  - 1) Hand- in registration form and discuss plans with your teacher
  - 2) Have a story map and outline of your story
  - 3) Have your story revised and edited
  - 4) Bind and publish your story
  - 5) Submit completed work to teacher 1 week before Project Fair Judging.
  - 6) Be ready to answer questions about your story and writing process

## **STEP 7 - Plan your exhibit**

It is recommended that the story or poem be typed. The written report should include:

- title page
- written information
- illustrations
- about the author (optional)

Remember to include the following (in a folder or duo tang):

- story map or web
- rough draft(s)
- any research
- reflection about the process (optional)

- **NB: Stories must be returned to school on March 12. The judge will read the stories ahead of time and then interview the student(s) on March 26 during the project fair if necessary.**