



CREATIVE WRITING SYLLABUS

Creative Writing participants must register between February 13th and March 27th, 2019. Your writing does not have to be submitted with your registration but it must be submitted by the registration deadline.

If you are sending your writing later and do not know the title at the time of registration, simply write 'short story' or 'poem' or 'non-fiction' in the title field of the registration form. All electronic copies must be sent by March 27th. Hard copies must be received (not postmarked) by March 27th.

Your written work can be dropped off at the Galloway Station Museum, Town Office, or the Red Brick Arts Centre, mailed to Diana Inscho, Town of Edson, PO Box 6300, Edson, AB T7E 1T7 or emailed to dianai@edson.ca. In your subject line, please put "Arts Alive Entry".

General Rules

1. Please adhere to the line/word limit of the category you intend to enter.
2. All entries must be in 12 point Times New Roman font.
3. All entries must be in English, original, and unpublished.
4. No explicit content.
5. Comments from the adjudicator will be mailed to each entrant.
6. Entries will be judged on content, organization, and conventions (spelling, punctuation).

Poetry:

- 3 pieces or 4 pages maximum

Short Story:

- 5 pages maximum (double-spaced)

Personal Narrative:

- 5 pages maximum (double-spaced)



POETRY

You will find poetry nowhere unless you bring some of it with you.

- Joseph Joubert

Don't know where to start? Well, a poem can be about anything. Like an animal, an emotion, your favourite season or holiday, a dream, a pet, an imaginary world, a photograph, your room, a colour, a journey or vacation, a sound, your favourite retreat, an imaginary friend, your secret hiding place...wherever your pen takes you.

Consider checking out:

www.teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/poetry/

www.journalbuddies.com/journal_prompts__journal_topics/poetry-writing-prompts/

www.creative-writing-now.com/creative-writing-prompts.html

SHORT STORY

You can make anything by writing.

- C.S. Lewis

Short Story Challenge

Try to include the following items somewhere in your story:

- an exotic animal (ex. capybara, rhinoceros, Howler Monkey, etc.)
- a dessert (ex. Angel Food cake, gelato, rice pudding, etc.)
- a part-time job (ex. babysitter, pizza delivery, dog walker, etc.)

PERSONAL NARRATIVE

Cut out all these exclamation points. An exclamation point is like laughing at your own joke. - F. Scott Fitzgerald

Personal narrative is a story from your life or experiences, usually told in first person (*I had wanted a dog for so long...*). Like a fictional story, the personal narrative has a beginning, middle, and end. Descriptive language is used, and story elements like dialogue may also be used.

Here are series of videos about writing a personal narrative:

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/UMti>

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/COti>

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/ZMti>

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/LOti>

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/fNti>

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/XOti>

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/pNti>