



# ACES Academic Enrichment Center

## 2019 Summer Enrichment Course Syllabus

**Course Name: Creative Writing – Hero Journey, Mystery for 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

### Course Description

ACES creative writing - hero journey or mystery explores the hero's journey or mystery as a model for completing a written narrative. Using the six traits<sup>1</sup> of writing, students will recognize elements of excellent writing. In addition, students will study examples of the hero's journey or mystery in order to better understand the trope or genre. Students will engage in daily prompts to stimulate the imagination and undertake various exercises in word choice and sentence fluency to hone writing skills. By the end of the course, students will complete a multi-page, polished, short story narrative.

1 The six traits are ideas and content, organization, voice, fluency, word choice, and grammar conventions. <https://iew.com/help-support/resources/articles/6-traits-iew>

### Course Objectives and Student Competencies

- Gain confidence and skills as creative writers
- Learn the essential components of fictional narratives
- Become more fluent in use of grammatical constructions and vocabulary through writing and practice

### Class Structure

Class begins with a short discussion of an assigned reading. Each day we will go through one of the six “traits” and practice writing each piece.

Date	Topics	Homework
6/17	Briefly go over each of the six “traits” focusing the most on ideas and organization, brainstorming and deciding on a topic for creative writing	Reading and Essay Log #1
6/18	Voice and word choice, fairy tales, outlining	Reading and Essay Log #2
6/19	Sentence Fluency and Conventions, fairy tales and fables, writing first sentences and first paragraphs	Reading and Essay Log #3
6/20	Presentation and Editing of creative writing assignment, fables, writing conflict, resolution, and endings	Reading and Essay Log #4
6/21	Review the traits and finish discussion of the creative narratives read over the week, peer review	Course Evaluation