

Something I've always enjoyed doing has been creative writing.

Poetry, stories. Drawing out these characters only by using words; giving them personality, and faults. Making them fall down, fall in love. Showing them going through, well, life.

The earliest memory I have of enjoying writing, and a school assignment, was 'free write.' in Elementary school, we each got these flimsy blue recycled paper lined notebooks. The task was, every day we would write for a half an hour. Most kids did a diary style, some just didn't do it. I wrote a story about a doll that was 'alive' and how when her owner left her behind, she goes searching for her, meeting many other lost toys along the way, colorful drawings on every page. It was called *Night of the Toy store*; and was *totally* not inspired by *Night of the Museum*. Or *Toy Story*. I swear.

The thing was, I actually enjoyed writing. I definitely wasn't enthusiastic about school. I complained about Socials and broke down at math. English was boring. But at that time, English was 'tell me about your summer' or 'about me.' I didn't know about the sub-unit of fiction writing, and when I did, it really impacted my life. I was always an avid reader, but now, the words seemed to inspire me. I would close a book with the words in my fingers and the need to for a pencil in my chest. An odd feeling, but it was fun.

The fact that you can inspire people, inform them; with just your imagination, a document, a piece of paper, a pencil, and these imaginary yet so, so real characters born from your mind, just seems really cool.

In this semester, I want to learn the tools to help me create and grow a story. Poetic devices; alliteration, metaphors, use of hyperboles- how much to use compared to different writing styles. How to make people cry with imagery. How to take a passage and change it into my own words. To me, English is almost as important as math. Both are things you use daily; both are things that will impact your future. We all have a certain book, or movie that has inspired us in some way. Even screen play, or dialogue. Writing is everywhere, from signs and ads to books and plays.

To me, English is of high importance right next to Math. Both are things you use daily, both are things that will impact your future. I think it's important to, in some way, be able to communicate, whether it's with speaking, or writing.

In this class, I hope we have the opportunity to create. To learn the tools and tips, and the hope that with those materials we can build stories.

