

Creative Writing

Portfolio

On the day of the final exam, you have to submit your portfolio, which should consist of four parts. All the texts of your portfolio should be typed on a computer and printed.

Part A - Writing Exercises

Submit the three exercises of the first three weeks.

Exercise 1:

Write the character's name.

Write the character's age, gender and occupation.

Write a few words to describe the character.

Write a few words about the setting (where and when are we?)

Write the character's main problem/conflict.

Will the character deal with it? How?

Give a title to the story.

Write a paragraph related to the story. It can be the beginning, the end, the whole story or any part of it.

Exercise 2:

Imagine that there is a door, any kind of a door. Write one paragraph describing the door, the setting, the characters etc. Now the door opens. Write one paragraph about what happens next.

Exercise 3:

Someone is running to catch a bus (or any other kind of vehicle).

Write a paragraph using this idea. Now write two more paragraphs, but each one of them should come from a different genre (comedy, drama, romance, horror, science fiction, fairy tale, etc.).

Basically write three independent very short stories, each one them belonging to a different genre.

Part B - Responses

Write a brief response (one paragraph) for each story that we read in the class. So if everything goes according to plan, you should have 19 responses. In your responses you should write your personal opinion about the stories, how you felt, what you liked, what you would improve etc. Feel free to write your thoughts. I recommend you not to leave this task for the final week but to do it on a weekly basis.

Part C - Short Stories

Submit 2 short stories, the one that we will read in the class and 1 more. There is no minimum word limit for the stories, but no story should exceed 2000 words. You may also use your written exercises as an inspiration. If you want to submit a third story, feel free to do so. I will be more than glad to read it, but you will not get a grade for it.

Part D - Reflective piece

Choose one of your two short stories and write a text reflecting on your own story. For example, how did you get inspired? Why did you choose this subject? What problems did you face? How did you feel about the story? Feel free to explore yourselves and be personal. There is no word limit and the style of writing can be as free as you wish.