**Area of Learning: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS Grade 10**

**CREATIVE WRITING 10 (2 credits)**

**Description**

Creative Writing 10 is designed for students who have an interest in creative expression through language. The course provides students opportunities to build their writing skills through the exploration of identity, memory, and story in a range of genres. Within a supportive community of writers, students will collaborate and develop their skills through writing and design processes. This course is intentionally grounded in the sampling of writing processes, inviting students to express themselves creatively as they experiment with, reflect on, and practise their writing.

The following are possible areas of focus within Creative Writing 10:

* contemporary creative forms such as slam poetry, oratory, rap, drama, song, graphic novels
* creative non-fiction, historical fiction
* poetry, song lyrics
* multimodal creative forms that combine visual, written, and oral texts

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**BIG IDEAS**

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| The exploration of **text** and **story** deepens our understanding of diverse, complex ideas about identity, others, and the world. |  | Texts are  socially, culturally, geographically,  and historically constructed. |  | Language shapes ideas and influences others. |  | Creative writers take risks and persevere. |  | Creative writers are observant  of the world. |

**Learning Standards**

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| *Using oral, written, visual, and digital texts, students are expected individually and  collaboratively to be able to:*  Comprehend and connect (reading, listening, viewing)   * Recognize and appreciate the role of story, narrative, and oral tradition in expressing  First Peoples perspectives, values, beliefs, and points of view * Recognize the diversity within and across First Peoples societies as represented in texts * Access information for diverse purposes and from a variety of sources to inform writing * Apply appropriate **strategies** to comprehend written, oral, visual, and **multimodal texts** * Recognize and appreciate how different **forms**, **formats**, **structures**,and **features  of texts** enhance and shape meaning and impact * Think critically, creatively, and reflectivelyto explore ideas within, between,  and beyond texts * Explore how language constructs personal and cultural identities * Construct meaningful personal connections between self, text, and world * Identify bias, contradictions, and distortions   Create and communicate (writing, speaking, representing)   * Respectfully exchange ideas and viewpoints from diverse perspectives to **build shared understanding and extend thinking** * Respond to text in personal, creative, and critical ways * Assess and **refine texts to improve clarity and impact** | *Students are expected to know the following:*  Text forms and text genres  Text features and structures   * **narrative structures found in  First Peoples texts** * **protocols related to ownership of  First Peoples oral texts**   Strategies and processes   * **reading strategies** * **oral language strategies** * **metacognitive strategies** * **writing processes**   Language features, structures, and conventions   * language features * **elements of style** * exploration of **voice** * **usage** and **conventions** * **literary elements and device**s |

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**Learning Standards (continued)**

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| * Demonstrate **speaking and listening skills** in a variety of formal and informal contexts for a **range of purposes** * Use **writing and design processes** to plan, develop, and create engaging and meaningful texts for a variety of purposes and **audiences** * Express and support an opinion with evidence * Use the conventions of Canadian spelling, grammar, and punctuation proficiently  and as appropriate to the context * Use **acknowledgements and citations** to recognize intellectual property rights * Transform ideas and information to create original texts. |  |