

AMANDA MARTOCELLO
CREATIVE WRITING 2
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM | SBS N109
martocello@schoolnova.org



Welcome to Creative Writing 2!

Hello everyone, and welcome to Creative Writing 2! My name is Amanda Martocello, and I'm so excited to be your teacher for the **2025-2026 school year**. This is my fifth year as a full-time teacher here at SchoolNova, and my seventh year overall. I have my BA in English Literature and Writing from Stony Brook University and my MSLIS from Queens College. For almost a decade, I've taught English Literature and Writing at various levels, from kindergarten through college.

Class Overview

Welcome to Creative Writing 2, an exciting and challenging class designed for 5th to 7th graders who are passionate about storytelling and inspired by books like *The Hunger Games*, *The Maze Runner*, and *The Chronicles of Narnia*. If you dream of crafting your own intriguing worlds, complex characters, and gripping plots, this is the perfect class for you.

In this course, we'll dive into advanced storytelling elements like **character development**, **plot structures**, and **conflicts**. You'll learn to create complex characters with their own motivations and stories. Each week, you'll work on writing exercises to improve your skills, from crafting strong beginnings to satisfying endings. We'll also explore different genres and writing styles. We'll read and analyze short stories and excerpts from classic and modern literature to learn new techniques. You'll also explore poetry, including haikus and sonnets, to play with language and express yourself in new ways.

Assignments, Communication, and Expectations

To help you practice and improve, we'll have in-class reviews, quizzes, creative and analytical projects, and presentations. All homework and assignments will be posted on the SchoolNova website.

Here are some important class guidelines and expectations:

- **Respect:** Please be respectful of your classmates, teachers, and school property.
- **Kindness:** Always be kind, polite, and courteous to others.
- **Safety:** Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- **Preparedness:** Come to class ready to learn with your notebook, a folder, and writing utensils. Chromebooks are allowed as long as you use them responsibly.
- **Speaking Up:** Raise your hand if you'd like to speak or need to leave the classroom for any reason.
- **Electronics:** No headphones, phones, or other electronics are allowed during class time.
- **Food & Drink:** You can have water or other covered drinks, but please, no food due to potential allergies.
- **Assignments:** Assignments must be handed in on time. Late work can be submitted up to 4 days late, with a 5-point deduction for each day. This is 4 calendar days, not 4 classes.
- **Modifications:** If you need an extension or any other modification for an assignment (like a larger font for printouts), please let me know ahead of the due date.
- **Stay Informed:** Students are responsible for checking the SchoolNova website for all upcoming assignments and due dates.

My email is always open for questions and concerns from both students and parents. I look forward to a great year of learning and growing together!