

Creative Writing Guidelines

- Be aware of my late policy—*I do not accept late work!* Failure to turn in the assignment by the due date will earn you a **zero**.
- Proofread; use proper grammar and punctuation (unless you're misusing it on purpose, eg, as one of the Miss Steeles)
--Papers with typos and basic grammatical errors can earn no higher than a B grade.
- Try to imitate Jane Austen's style as much as possible. The main reason for this assignment is to make you think about what it is that makes her writing sparkle!
- Avoid modern anachronisms—try to use the information from our lectures to keep your writing appropriate to the Regency period.
--Ask for suggestions or resources if you have questions about a topic we haven't yet reached in class—I can suggest books or websites that have helpful information on the period.
- Paper Length Guidelines
Junior/Seniors: 1200 words (about 4 full pages)
Sophomores: 900 words (about 3 full pages)
8th and 9th grades: 750 words (about 2-3 pages)
--I am not a stickler for having exactly that many words or pages. These are guidelines, and it is wise to aim for these lengths. If you feel yourself running out of things to say, ask a classmate, parent, or Mrs. Muller for help with ideas!
- I accept rough drafts to critique only if they are in a presentable form and are emailed at least two days prior to the due date. If I take the time to comment on your draft, I expect that you will take the time to incorporate my suggestions into your final draft.
- Submit all of your assignments as Word documents in an email attachment. (Save as richtext if you do not have Word.)
--Papers submitted in the body of an email can earn no higher than a B grade.