

# Creative Writing Lesson Plan

**Artist Name:** Jesse Bliss  
**Art Form:** Creative Writing  
**Ages:** 10 to 12 years old

**Class Objective:** To use what is around us to create stories.

## Level One

**Warm-Up:** Students do a thorough physical warm-up. We then do a 5-10 minute free write.

**Discussion:** There is a brief discussion of how the world around us influences our writing.

We ask: How can we use what is around us to inform our work as writers?

## Level Two

### Writing from an image Exercise:

1. Students are given a postcard with a vivid scene on it.
2. They are asked to explore the details of the image.
3. Students are asked to share the details of their images
4. Student are asked to write a brief story inspired or influenced by the image on their postcard; story must have a beginning, middle and end.

## Level Three

### Readings:

Students share story by reading finished piece or work-in-progress.

### Critical Discussion and Reflection:

1. Students discuss reason behind specific choices by describing their associations, feelings, impressions of image
2. Students reveal what they loved most about their stories
3. Students engage in reflection from posed question, such as:
  - What part of the story did you find interesting or familiar? Why?
  - Does the story need more details to draw us in further?
  - Does the story have a clear beginning-middle-end structure?
  - Did the story communicate feelings?
  - Did the story have tension? Conflict? Where?
  - Did the story have a character? If so, what did we know about him/her?