**Creative Writing and Poetry Activities AP English IV**

**Objectives:** Students will write formal personalized thank you notes and letters. Students will write original poetry using a variety of creative poetic techniques. Students will create spoken word poems and presentations.

**Expectations:** You will be given a series of creative/original writing assignments to complete over the next few weeks. Students must complete the checklist of assignments. **Some of these assignments will be put together into a formal portfolio for a major grade. Several individual assignments will receive daily grades**.

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**Writing Assignment I: Handwritten notes and letter (part of overall MG)**

**Assignment:** Write **1 handwritten formal letter** and **4 handwritten thank-you notes** to special people in your life that have supported you.

**These letters/notes must include the following recipients:**

* One family member or extended family member (i.e. “aunt” who is really a dear family friend etc…)
* One teacher (any grade level from any year)
* One person who would be considered a “mentor” to you
* Two other people who have influenced you in a positive way

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**Writing Assignment II: Original Poetry Portfolio DG (part of overall MG also)**

**Assignments:** You will produce original poems. Your portfolio will be uploaded into turnitin.com. These poems must come from the following process assigned on given class days:

1 Found Poem/Scratch Poem

1 Puzzle Poem

1 “Mimic Poems”

1 Narrative Poem for a presentation

1 Slam poem for Slam poetry days

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**Writing Assignment III: Produce a “Fairy Tale” based on a life event DG (part of overall MG also)**

**Assignment:** You will watch the movie “Big Fish”, a movie about a man who sees his life story in a series of “Tall Tales”. Events and people are exaggerated because this is how he perceives his memories. Produce your own “Fairy Tale” based on one of your life events. Your story will be uploaded into turnitin.com