

Creative Writing
Short Fiction/Drama
Everson

Your final product for this unit will be: 7-20 manuscript pages of short fiction **or** a stage script **or** screenplay

- fiction should be titled
- fiction should be double-spaced, 1-inch margins, 12 pt. Times or Times New Roman font (i.e., manuscript pages)
- fiction should use compelling dialogue
- fiction should exhibit character and plot development

Along the way, there will be a few formative assignments, each due at the start of class on the day listed:

- Phase 1 — a solid idea for your story, including basic premise (setting, conflict, etc.) as well as 1-2 characters minimally outlined; think who, what, where, when, why, and how, though these may change before the final draft; **about 1 handwritten page, due Thursday, 12/6.**
- Phase 2 — a more detailed plot outline describing exposition, complications, climax, and resolution; your 1-2 characters from Phase 1 must be sketched out in more detail and possibly a couple other characters added; *and* one sample manuscript page, showing me a scene, or a section of a scene — narrative, dialogue, description, everything; **2-3 handwritten pages, due Monday, 12/10.**
- Phase 3 — the rough draft, to be polished and typed in class; **5-10 handwritten pages, due Wednesday, 12/12.**
- Phase 4 — the final product, for a summative grade, **due Friday, 12/14 (my birthday).**