

Poetry Writing Workshop

The purpose of this class is to encourage amateur poets to write their own poetry and receive encouragement from other amateurs poets. Each person will write approximately six poems during the course. The themes and/or forms for each poem will be decided upon at the first class.

The class is then divided in half into Team A and Team B. Team A will be responsible for a poem the following week, and Team B the week after that. When Team A submits their first poem, it will be read in class. Then all will take Team A poems home to write a critique of that poem. The following week, the critiques will be presented, and Team B will read their poem. The critique of Team B poems will be presented the following week. The semester will proceed in this fashion, with each class consisting of the reading of one team's poem, and the presentation of the critiques for the preceding week's poem.

No prior poetry writing experience is required. The aim of this class is to encourage everyone to develop their poetic talents. The critiques are our way of providing kind suggestions for future endeavors.