

Aspiring Poets

Course Description

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I will use the same basic structure of my former versions of this class, but I plan to teach for six weeks in the second five-week class slot on line. My two sections, one on Monday and the second on Wednesdays from 12:45 to 2 pm, March 31-May 9 and April 2-May 11, will run for SIX weeks.

The class features two Discussion Weeks and four writing weeks, exploring chapters in *Composing Poetry: A Guide to Writing Poems and Thinking Lyrically* by Gerry LaFemina (Kendall Hunt, 2017).

Week 1: Lyric Poetry discussion

Week 2 and 3: Share poems written to prompts

Week 4: Narrative Poetry discussion

Week 5 and 6: Share poems written to prompts

Weekly Layout:

Discussion, Lyric Poetry, based on *Composing Poetry*, our text

Write and share poems, Group 1

Write and share poems, Group 2

Narrative Poetry, discussion, based on *Composing Poetry*, our text

Write and share poems, Group 1