

**Colonie Central High School
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Dear Incoming English 151: Creative Writing Students and Parents:

Welcome to Creative Writing! In order for us to successfully develop our writing skills, we need to develop an appreciation and understanding for history's greatest writers. Reading is one of the most valuable and pleasurable habits you can develop. Much of our class time will be spent reading, critiquing, modeling, work-shopping and developing finished products.

As an incoming English 151: Creative Writing student you will be responsible for reading The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemmingway and A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson. While reading, take careful notes regarding the authors' writing style (language, structure, etc.), tone, mood, conflicts, juxtaposition and a general understanding of the two authors' varying writing styles. You will be required to complete an assessment on these novels at the beginning of the second semester.

Enjoy your summer! We look forward to meeting with you in September.

Sincerely,

The English Department