

Creative Nonfiction

Creative nonfiction is a genre of writing that employs a variety of styles—poetry and prose. This type of writing is non-academic, non-technical writing and should not be composed to meet those standards; in other words, citations are unnecessary, although footnoting may be used to add clarity and reference sources may be used to avoid plagiarism. Nevertheless, most times these technical aspects of writing are avoided in creative nonfiction because it distracts from the purpose of truth being revealed.

For your assignment, you may research styles of creative nonfiction examples or use the examples read in class to model your own composition or create your own form. Be sure that your prewriting stage gets your feelings down on paper. That is important. The next stage is to revise your work to reveal how you want it to be presented. Finally, you will need to move to the third stage and look at your paper objectively and edit unintentional grammatical and mechanical errors. Be sure to have an *Introduction* that explains the composition. Introductions are written from the author's first person voice and are a chance for the author to communicate to the reader directly. The following are only *some* of many explanations for an introduction.

- the reason you wanted to write the essay
- pre-knowledge necessary to understand the essay
- an apology or intentional non-apology for writing the essay and the reason for the apology or non-apology

After your introduction, create a title for the creative nonfiction essay. Please print a hard copy to turn in to class.