

Lifelong Writer Project

My number one goal as your English teacher this year has been to help you become lifelong writers and to assist each of you as you discover *your* unique voice. This final writing unit of the year is designed to help you do that.

The Lifelong Writer Project will be different for each of you. You will be writing on topics of your choice in genres of your choice, working at your own pace and to the best of your ability. By the end of this unit, you will have a small portfolio or [digital portfolio](#) of writing that is a true reflection of your unique voice.

Project Requirements:

- A conference with me to plan your LLWP and review your narrative.
- Peer conferences on three writing pieces and teacher conferences on at least one writing piece.
- A minimum of **100 points** worth of *original* writing (including the narrative) in published, final copy, error-free form.
- A letter to the reader, reflecting on the pieces you've written, your 8th grade year, and your hopes for the future.
- A commitment to maintaining an atmosphere of creativity, academic discipline and respectfulness during our writing time, peer workshop, and student/teacher conferences.

LLWP FAQs:

What do I do when I finish?

One of the most important things for you to remember about the LLWP is that we will use ALL our in-class writing time for writing. Some of you will be able to complete 100 points worth of writing during that time, while others will have 200 points, 300 points, or more! No matter what, you will always write during writing time.

Will there be homework?

For the next several weeks, we will spend a great deal of our class time writing. For many, that will be plenty of time to complete 100 points worth of writing. For others, homework will be necessary.

When can I print?

All your writing must be submitted to me digitally before printing. Or, you may decide to create a digital portfolio of your own!

Genre Choices

You may choose to work on one extended piece of writing or several smaller ones. One hundred points are required to receive full credit, but more than one hundred may be right for you. Please let me know if you have an idea for a writing piece that is not on the list. *Each of your writing pieces must be highly revised and free from all grammatical and spelling errors.*

Here are some of the many choices you have.

Points are approximate only - a rough estimate is that 1 page = 10 points.

<p>100 point options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Short story● Play or screenplay● Research paper● Memoir● Lab report● Fan Fiction● Website● Chapter of a book <p>40 point options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Magazine/newspaper article● Micro-fiction● CD liner notes● Resume● Essay (academic, persuasive, personal)● Book report/review● Interview● Scrapbook or collage with text● Campaign speech● Children's book with original illustrations	<p>25 point options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Extended poem● Scene from a play● Brochure● Comic strip● 25 Random Things About Me● Eulogy● Dear Abby/Advice column● Bucket list● Slide show <p>10 point options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cartoon● Haiku, acrostic, or similar poem● Journal entry (real or fictional)● Mixed media (writing w/ technology, art, performance)● Multiple choice quiz● Blog post● Letter● Meme
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		30 Intro: LLWP	1 LLWP Membean	2 LLWP
5 MEA Tests	6 LLWP Membean	7 LLWP (SBAC Tests)	8 LLWP Membean	9 LLWP (SBAC Tests)
12 LLWP (SBAC Tests)	13 LLWP Membean	14 LLWP (early release day)	15 LLWP Membean	16 LLWP Step-Up Day
19 LLWP Membean	20 LLWP	21 LLWP Membean	22 LLWP (half way through! You should have 50 points by now)	23 LLWP Membean
26 No School - Memorial Day	27 LLWP Membean	28 LLWP	29 LLWP Membean	30 LLWP
2 LLWP Membean	3 LLWP	4 LLWP Membean	5 LLWP	6 LLWP Membean
9 LLWP	10 LLWP Membean	11 LLWP	12 Portfolios Due	13 Portfolios Due