

Sowing the Seeds of Knowledge

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Creative Writing

“I thought I was destined to be a rock-n-roll star. Unfortunately I couldn’t sing or play an instrument, instead I learned to express my creativity, humor, and cultural identity through writing. I want students to know their voice is unique and important.” Using contemporary Native poets and writers, students will learn that despite differences in tribes and locale, certain topics resonate through cultural lines and boundaries. Using image driven writing exercises and peer workshops, students will find their voice in either poetry or short story writing. Borrowing on themes we’ve read, students will write a rough draft, then revise and polish a piece of writing to share in a public reading.



Age Range: 7th-12th grade

Academic Standards: Language Arts, Creative Thinking and Writing, and Improvising

Time Requirement: 45 minutes workshops to residencies

Class Size: 30

Cost: \$200 for single presentation
 \$320 per day (five 45-minute workshops)
 \$1,200 per week (five 45-minute workshops
 @ 5 days)
 Round Trip Mileage