

Creative Writing, Level 9 (W233439)

Chicago Anthology, Various

Compiled and available for purchase from New Trier's bookstore on 08/01

The summer reading for our class is this collection of pieces about Chicago.

Begin by reading the poem "Chicago" by Carl Sandburg in the introduction, and then read all the poems and stories that follow, representing a range of styles and time periods.

It will be interesting for us to see which pieces you connect with most. The stories and poems here are divided into four sections:

1. "Which Chicago?"
2. "Chicago Institutions"
3. "Special Places in Chicago"
4. "Chicago Food."

Come prepared with a story about three of these four categories and take a shot at writing one out. This can be a fully written out story or a set of notes, an outline, a storyboard, or a journal reflection. Try to offer the most detail possible. Instead of saying you like the Art Institute, we'd like to know your favorite painting in detail and why you like it so much. Instead of saying you like pastry, we want you to elaborate on exactly why the Raisin Bun from the Medici on 57th street is the most perfect food you know.

If no stories are immediately coming to mind, what are you waiting for? Go on an adventure in the city with your family or friends.

