

DOBBS FERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

COURSE OUTLINE

SUBJECT: Writing for the Real World

GRADE: 8

Offered: Full Year, every other day

Type of Course: Elective

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Writing for the Real World is an elective class that lets students explore writing outside of the Language & Literature classroom. The course provides opportunities to write and publish for a variety of purposes, different audiences, and in different forms and genres.

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES:

In *Writing for the Real World*, students will be publishing their work for an intended audience. The pieces they choose to write, and the audiences they choose to write for, depend on their own interests. Writing may include advertisements, feature stories, letters to the editor, children's books, photo essays, resumes, blogs, travel brochures, scripts, etc.

MATERIALS:

- notebook
- folder
- Chromebook

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT:

At the end of each quarter, student performance will be assessed in the following areas:

- Participation/Effort
- Blog
- Final Writing Pieces

Outline developed by: Language & Literature Dept.

Date: Spring 2026