## **Student Evaluation Comments**

- I really enjoyed taking this class. I learned a lot about writing, and the instructor
  has been very supportive, patient, accommodating through the process. This has
  been a great experience that I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to be a
  part of. I do hope that when I complete the first draft of my work there is some
  harsher criticism of the work. I know it is imperfect, and I look forward to being
  told how I could improve it (like more metaphors or dialogue encounters).
- Even though it was only a five week session, taking this course with Dr. White has completely changed my approach to writing. This was such a valuable experience for me and I learned more than i would have thought possible.
- He showed that he cared.
- Most encouraging professor that I've had in college.
- Strongly developed my confidence in my writing and encouraged me well to share with the Class and others.
- I took this class as an elective to push myself to write more, and this professor
  definitely pushed me and inspired me to write anything and everything. I view the
  world differently after this class, and although not everything was perfect, I would
  recommend this class to anyone else who enjoys or wants to enjoy writing.
- I really really really enjoyed this course. I learned more than I expected to and I believe that now I am a braver, smarter, and more educated writer than I was just a month ago.
- Dr. White is a fantastic professor and this is a great course.
- Dr. White was always prepared with fun writing exercises for the class.
- Was very encouraging and tried to get the best out of every student throughout the semester
- Spoke with passion about writing
- Always encourages to learn from our mistakes
- Dr. White was always enthusiastic and complementary about student's work when they read in class.

- I like his teaching style.
- Dr. White is quite the character. He is very intelligent and very passionate about writing and stories. He has some interesting opinions and sometimes it's hard to get across your point when talking to him. I really like the way he teaches. He doesn't give you boring assignments to try to drill into students head the correct techniques about writing.
- He shows good pieces of writing and assigns those readings to students. I like that, because I started learning more about writing and I didn't even realize it. It's an interesting technique that not a lot of professors seem to adopt. I think he can be a little hard to get along with at times, but he has helped me to improve my writing and that is why I took the course. The course sparked my interest in reading and writing again after having lost it in high school. I'm grateful that I took this class and that Dr. White has been my professor. He is kinda like the Grinch in some ways, but he has a good heart and I really think he wants his students to walk away with knowledge that he has tried to impart upon them throughout the course.
- I really enjoyed this class. The prof was always very well organized and we went over the weekly schedule every day and the following week as well. I learned more about creative writing in this class than I ever have before.
- I really liked this class. I loved the unique ways of teaching creative writing. My favorite part of the class was the community that was built.
- The instructors demeanor added to the overall appeal to this class. I might not have enjoyed the subject, but I enjoyed the class!
- Professor White is hands down one of the best professors on campus. His
  willingness to help students become better writers shows his true love for the
  craft. I personally enjoyed the class and looked forward to meeting every class
  time. The only thing that I wish I did different was take the class sooner. I only
  hope to have another class with Professor White before I finish my time at Texas
  A&M.
- Professor White encourages a very welcome as well as open classroom. We became friends with strangers, we learned how to effectively learn things from older writers as well as new ones and he taught us tips and tricks on how to write better. I never imagined writing about realistic events or even something as simple as a hammer. I think overall this class experience was one of the best I've had here on the A&M campus.
- Anyone would look at him and say "he's a bit off," and I would agree. But there's
  no one I would rather have to teach on a subject like creative writing. He's well

experienced, shares plenty of interesting stories, and wholeheartedly encourages students to improve their writing.

- I thoroughly enjoyed Dr. White's class, I looked forward to attending it every MWF and I will miss it next semester. Dr. White is undeniably one of the best profs I have had during my time at Texas A&M. His care for the subject matter and his students was evident in his class time as well as when you talked to him one on one. I have recommended this class to multiple people because I feel it is a great form of self-expression and it is taught very well.
- He has a power point for almost anything that we talk about in class.
- Anything that will pop up in class and needed further explanation he had a powerpoint presentation ready
- He had a schedule on a slide show that kept us all informed and on track.
- He literally had a PowerPoint for everything!! Which was awesome ????
- Always very familiar with the content we discussed and brought background info to our attention.
- There were PowerPoints for every topic covered in class, as well as personal stories that connected the material learnt.
- He had a power point for literally everything it was great.
- He would really try to get a thought out of us even when most of us were drawing blanks.
- He wanted to hear every day what the student had been up to recently
- He wrote specific notes on our stories and poems.
- Very encouraging!
- Was always ready to help students who needed or wanted help, seemed genuinely enthusiastic about us getting better.
- He was always available to answer questions and would often stay late to help students.
- He loves writing and loves trying to get us to turn in the best that we can.
- If you are passionate about something, you are going to demonstrate it through the effort you put in your students learning. He did.

- Talked about which stories he loved most and how they made him feel. His knowledge and opinions on the material confirmed he was definitely interested.
- There was never a dull moment in class.
- He created a fun environment and was always happy to teach.
- My focus thus far has been academic writing and rhetoric. I took this class as an
  elective, but I'm much more interested in creative writing now than I was before.
- I want to pursue creative writing as a graduate degree post-graduation
- I loved everything we read in class even if I didn't get it at first
- Brought up different points and ideas I had never considered, plus it was cool learning how to write from a published writer.
- There was never a dull moment in class and with memorable stories/tales.
- I used to hate creative writing because I find it hard to write when there's no guidelines but now I enjoy that aspect of it.
- Helped me further develop my writing skills.
- Had a PowerPoint for everything, and they were always helpful and educational.
- Presentations added to the topic from that day.
- Again a PowerPoint for everything and they were very helpful.
- Always ready to hear new points of view and present his own for debate, was also quick to clear up any misunderstandings in the works.
- If we were ever confused with an answer given he'd go into more detail, show us an example, or just rephrase it until we understood.
- Always had a schedule and stuck to it.
- This class wasn't as structured as most but I really appreciated that aspect.
- One of my favorite so far and I recommend it to any who want to write.
- Funny stories, humorous events, and serious learning and advice. What a great class and instructor should be.
- Really enjoyed this course and the prof! He was great and super helpful in my writing!

- This was a class I eagerly waited my entire college career to take. I am so glad I
  got the opportunity to take it with Dr. Lowell. He was so helpful and genuinely
  cared about his students.
- I really enjoyed the course and learned a lot from Professor White's teaching methods and writing feedback. I will be taking another class by him on writing next semester and I can't wait to learn more.
- Overall I liked this course a lot. In my degree plan there is room for only one "fun class" in all four years so this is what I chose. I liked it a lot, I loved the "what's going on" at the start of each class and i got some interesting and good feedback on my work. I would have liked a bit more feedback on the content of my poems rather than just the form of them though. I always looked forward to this class and my favorite days were when we got to go listen to people read their work or when we got writing prompts in class-I wish there had been more of those!
- Fun and interesting class and taught me a lot when it came to writing. I feel it's made me better at what I want to do and that's the most important part.
   Atmosphere was always welcoming and I never felt like I'd be ridiculed for my ideas.
- Was constantly involving students in conversation but made a point to not call on the same ones over and over. This was a good class.
- This was a really fun class and thoroughly enjoyable. Would recommend to any creative student.
- I found ENGL 345, as it is a more advanced course, to be highly enjoyable. I am looking forward to taking ENGL 347 in the fall.
- I love you every time I take a class!
- This is my third semester with Dr. White and if I wasn't graduating in May I would definitely enroll in another one of his courses. Amazing professor!
- I would take this class again if I could. This is my second course with Dr. White.
   He is an excellent instructor. He cares about our work and helps us grow as writers. I would absolutely recommend him to others!
- Loved the course. I have taken multiple classes with this teacher and he always stimulates my interests in literature and writing. Makes me very sad to be graduating and not have another opportunity to take another class. Definitely an awesome teacher and my favorite out of all the college classes I have ever taken.

- I loved this class. I learned a lot and loved the explorations. The explorations were my favorite part. I wish there was more free-reign other than the three categories we had to write, though.
- Dr. White is an amazing professor that genuinely cares about his students. I have taken several courses with him and believe his classes are where students learn to thrive and challenge themselves. Would definitely take again.
- Dr. White's ENGL 235 Creative Writing Course was very effective for being a short summer 4 week course. It sparked a new interest in writing for me. Dr. White is an excellent professor who really explained and guided us to think creatively. Overall this course was fun, NEVER BORING, and even helped me learn about a little more about myself and who I am as a writer.
- He is definitely not lazy.
- I went into office hours and got a bunch of help on my story. He has good advice and helpful comments for how to revise my writing.
- Why is there a time limit on Pica? That's dumb. I can't remember what I wrote previously, but thank you for the awesome course, I wish there were more classes like this (focus on the technique rather than content).
- great teacher
- Really enjoyed this class! Class discussions are fun. The amount of work was totally doable and I feel like a better writer than I was at the beginning of this semester.
- Passionate professor, fitting personality for the subject, fine English course. If I
  had to suggest improvements, I'd like to see more active workshopping of
  students' work.
- Professor White is passionate about creative writing and very encouraging.
- Overall, I really enjoyed the course! It was really fun to explore creative writing. Reading assignments were relevant and usually helpful, but often became tedious. Consider mixing it up occasionally! I would have liked to have more feedback on stories and poems, but I understand that there is a very high volume of student papers to grade. Because the requirements for stories and poems are very open-ended, it would have been very helpful to have a rubric prior to the assignment deadline. Other than that, it was a great course! Good job!
- He really enjoys reading our work, encourages us to come to office hours.

- Great attitude and sense of humor. Patient and willing to help you as much as needed.
- I really like him as a person and instructor which makes it easier to learn from him as a whole
- Great professor, he is the best and enjoys story telling.
- Overall, Dr. White is a very good professor and I would definitely take another
  course from him if I could. He really seems passionate about writing and he is
  very clear on what he wants from his students while still giving them liberty for
  each assignment. He's a very well rounded person and the class always went by
  so fast because it was so engaging. The amount of work for this class is perfect.
  There isn't too much and the deadlines were spread out apart well.
- An instructor's preparation very much depends upon whether the students themselves are prepared. That said, Professor White did everything he could to make the silent speak. I'm extremely introverted, but his efforts compelled me to participate in every class.
- I will never truly understand Professor White's literary tastes, or agree with his artistic vision, but I was able to learn about my own through the discussion which he encouraged.
- I consider myself a better writer after taking his class
- This is probably the most effective and capable writing professor that I have ever had in my 4 years here at A&M. Definitely ended on a good note.
- LMW did a fantastic job of helping me learn to love my writing while making it leaps and bounds better than when I started. He gives useful advice in getting started while also giving you the tools you need to really truly improve your writing. I would recommend his class to anyone and look forward to taking his classes in the future.
- I loved our in class conversations
- Very much so. I've never had a better professor.
- Not only did he answer questions but he often demonstrated on stories he had on the computer. This was very helpful.
- Very good rubric, explanation, and fair grading.

- I wish I could take all my classes from him. His class was a joy to be in. I always came away in a good mood. I'm sad that this is the last creative writing class I can take from him.
- I have taken other courses with Dr. White. He is great!
- I will be taking my third course with him next semester.
- I loved the syllabus. Everything we did I think has made me a better writer. The
  observation posts were fun and made me pay attention to things I might not
  otherwise. The twitter and blog posts pushed me to do something I have always
  wanted to do but never got around to. I think this course was very well rounded.
- Dr. White respected us, I could tell, while still expecting a lot and treating us as adults. He was also kind when we did not understand or do well because he understood, though we are adults, we are in his class to learn, not because we already know everything about the subject. He was also kind, created a fun learning environment, and open to different opinions and discussions.
- If i wasn't graduating I'd take another class if his. He's an amazing and understanding professor and if anyone says otherwise it's because they weren't flexible in their writing and criticism for it either.
- I think Dr. White will be the professor that I always think about when I think back on my college experience. Both classes I took from him were great and incredibly fun. I learned a lot from him and I hope I remember it all. I have nothing bad to say about him or the class. I wish I could say how it could be improved upon but I really think it was great the way it was.
- Awesome Professor!
- This is my second semester taking a course from Dr. White. He is an amazing and down-to-earth instructor with lots of wisdom to give. I wish I could take him again. I have definitely gained tons of skill and insight from this course. I have thoroughly enjoyed the semester and every class meeting.
- I've taken him multiple times and plan to continue.
- Great prof! I'm taking another one of his classes next semester. Really helpful!
- White is a phenomenal free-form teacher
- Overall, Dr. White is a very good professor and I would definitely take another
  course from him if I could. He really seems passionate about writing and he is
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so fast because it was so engaging. The amount of work for this class is perfect. There isn't too much and the deadlines were spread out apart well.

- I plan to take as many classes as I can with Dr. White. He is awesome!
- He was able to work with me to clarify and answer any questions that I had, under his instruction my skills in the subject grew dramatically
- He is quick to respond to emails and very accommodating if you cannot make his
  office hours.
- The instructor was encouraging, always open for advice, and would check in periodically to make sure we were making progress.
- He had a plan for every class session and we were always engaged with a project.
- I really enjoyed taking this class. I learned a lot about writing, and the instructor has been very supportive, patient, accommodating through the process.
- I understand why other students have disliked his teaching style in the past, but I can never doubt his ability to let a person speak from his soul and be heard and helped.
- Dr. White is great!! Best professor I've had at A&M.
- Dr. White is a great professor. He is dedicated to his students and has great advice for us. He should get a raise!