

**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 let's students explore writing outside of the ELA 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, product reviews, children's stories, photo essays, resumes, blogs, travel brochures, scripts, etc.

**MATERIALS:**

- notebook
- folder
- Chromebook

**CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT:**

At the end of each quarter every student will have earned a grade. This grade is the percentage of points earned out of the total number of possible points. These points are earned by the student's performance in the following areas.

- Participation/Effort
- Homework
- Final Writing Pieces

*Date: Spring 2016*