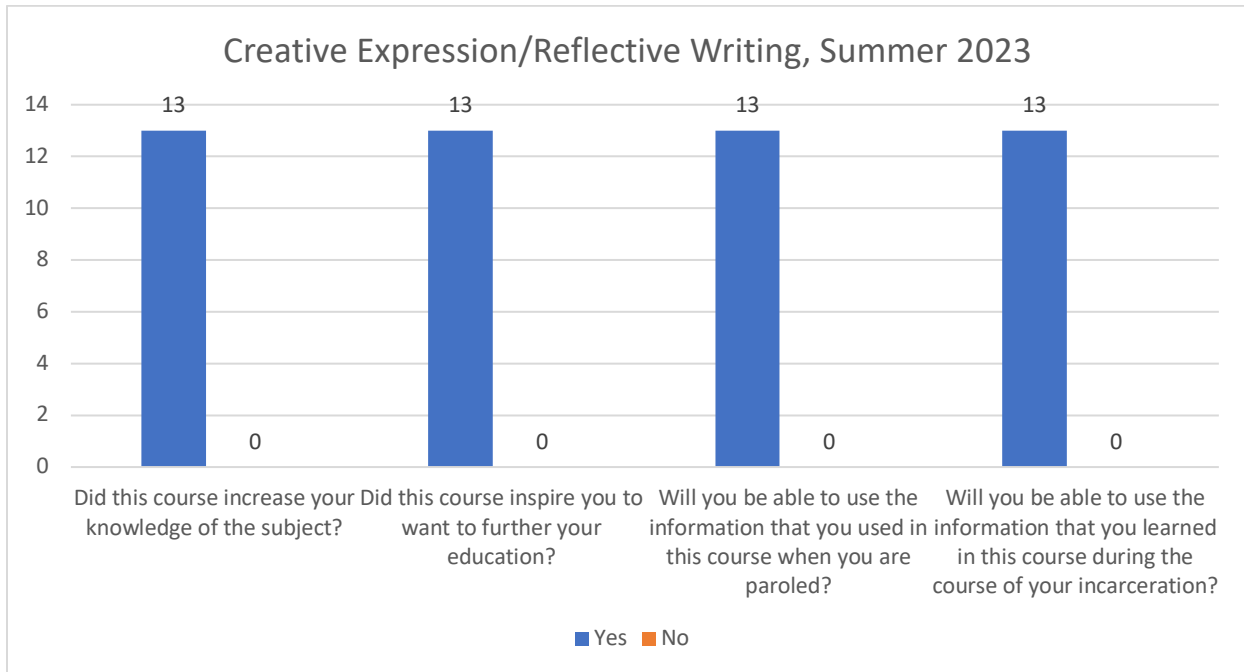


Prison Education Project



Calipatria State Prison Summer 2023

The following Prison Education Project survey data are from the “Creative Expression” course in the Calipatria State Prison during the Summer Semester 2023. At the completion of the course, in-custody students were given post-course surveys to complete.



What are your overall thoughts about this class?

- I learned to stay focused on my Rehabilitation and look forward to staying positive about my learning journey.
- I think this is a valuable course and should be offered to more people and more frequently.
- Although, I already learned to write in other classes this class helped further the desire to keep writing. Furthermore, this class really taught me how to just let loose and just write, but with a methodical approach. For that I am grateful. Also, the resources that were given to me were the best thing I received in a long time. I truly appreciate the time we collaborated in this unsure world of prison.
- My overall comment is I wish it was more classes, and the course to be longer than four weeks. I really enjoy the class.
- This course was interesting, lots of good information.
- This class has educated me and helped [with] my self expression. It showed me different forms of how to write a Haiku. 5,7,5.

-- I think this course was a great experience and it sparked something inside me that wants me to keep writing and learn more.

-- The length of the course needs to be longer.

-- Grateful of the course I can accomplish dreams and achieve. Very informative, and encouraging, provides many lessons and structure.

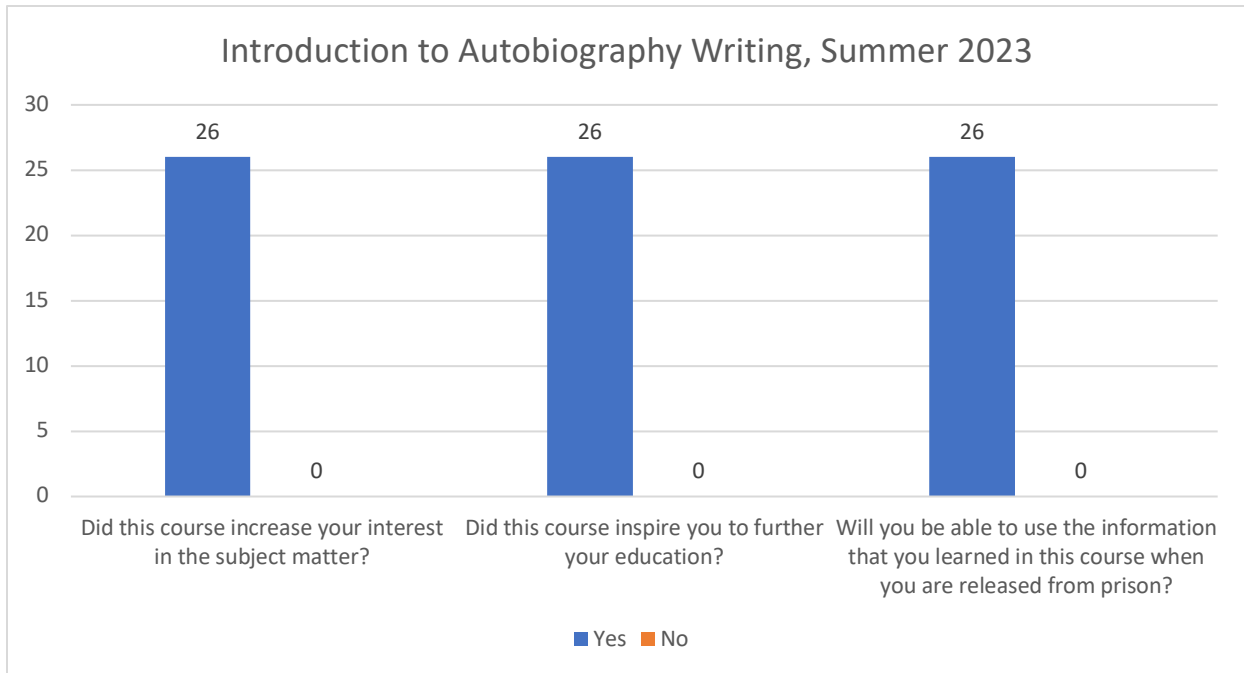
--It's good I didn't have the time to read all the materials due to a lot of problems back at home on the yard (sad face) But I will follow through on all the lessons & homework, exercises, etc. It's funny how growing up I never liked "English" class. (Hated it) & now I'm drawn to it. I always read books growing up in the Judi halls & my interest went up, as well as vocal. I started writing poems to express my pain & anything I might be going through. At the moment this course just boosted my interest with writing and perfecting my work. (Writing) thank you so much for your time & patience sir. Much appreciated.

-- There was information to enhance writing capabilities.

--I believe that this is a good course and that it should be longer. This course sparked my interest to learn more about writing.

--This course has been very interesting and helpful. It has opened my eyes to the different styles of writing. The book was helpful to getting me to a starting point.

The following Prison Education Project survey data are from the “Introduction to Autobiography Writing” course in the Calipatria State Prison during the Summer Semester 2023. At the completion of the course, in-custody students were given post-course surveys to complete.



What are your overall thoughts about this class?

-- I think that this class was insightful on the different styles of writing about self in telling my story which is great because I had a lot of people who has been encouraging on writing my story as the styles was good to learn to increase my writing.

-- I was absolutely agape...everything the course provided was radically practical. The facilitator was exceptional! 5 stars (only because I can't put more).

-- Helped me to see the different styles in autobiography writing.

-- This was an awesome course. I learned the difference between autobiography and memoir. This course taught me that everyone has a story to tell. I plan to one-day share my story. Thank you so much for this opportunity in learning something new.

-- I think it is an amazing course and I am very inspired to write my life story now since I started this course. The material was great, and the instructor was awesome. Thank you, Jess, for inspiring me to tell my story.

-- This course helped me to understand different types of ways to express myself. My favorite is epistolary writing which is a style that applies story telling delivered in the form of letters. I believe this class [is] too short. I wish it [is] longer with more sessions.

-- I LOVED THIS COURSE!!! Thank you so much, this course allowed me to use insight, and broaden my world view. In addition to hat, the resources, such as: paper, pen, and reading material were like gold to not only a prisoner, but a caged expressionist. Thank you so much.

-- I think this course was interesting and inspiring, very good information. Thank you.

-- I really like the class, I just wish that it was a bit longer than just the four weeks. Other than that, the class was over all good. Thank you for your time.

-- It is instrumental in helping me to become productive and to [the] building of my craft and talent.

-- I believe the information is very informative. My only negative take away is the duration of the class. I understand that the institution has its own time frames, thought maybe a little extension would be wise in order to go more in depth with the material.

-- I really loved it! I feel that it helped me out with my mental health and also got me to express my feelings and I also was able to talk [about] it with my mom and my primos. Thank you, guys, for letting me and (us) be in this program. 😊 Thank you, Jessica!

-- It really helped me to understand how to express myself in a more detailed way when I write. I can tell more of my story.

-- I really enjoyed this class. It has helped me to look much closer to details in my past that could help healing, clarity or even a better understanding to move forward in life. I have a new love of writing.

-- I really like this program [as] it has helped me work on my insight to my rehabilitation. I have learned to use tools to write about myself. Thank you for all the help and information. I would like to continue with the PEP program, thank you and God bless.

-- I enjoyed writing the assignments but wish the class would've been longer, like more classes.

-- True blessing. I wish the course was extended in time and in days. Thank you! "Some people come into our life as blessings. Some people come into our life as lessons." – St. Teresa

-- I've always had a hard time speaking about my life. Taking this course not only helped me speak about my life, but it helped me put my life in writing.

-- I believe that this course can give great insight. It really makes you dig into the domains of your life.

-- I think this course couldn't have been better. It gave me insight and even strategies on how to write. It created another side or dimension to my writing and the technique I've developed expands the scope of my writing ability. I am very thankful and appreciative and grateful for this course.

-- Overall, this course increased my interest in the importance of writing and knowing my story. It also inspired me to continue writings of all kinds and to further my knowledge in writing overall. After taking this class, I am encouraged to finish my memoir as well as start new projects. I will be able to use the insight that I've gained on myself from writing in many successful ways once I am released from incarceration.

-- This is a great way to improve my writing skills, understand how to write autobiography, memoir, or episode letter writing. I wish we do longer classes, so I can practice navigate [the] art of writing/or [to be a better] writer.

-- This course has inspired me to continue writing [and to] also continue enrolling in more of these classes.

-- I think the course is great and is very inspiring. It made me want to keep on writing.

-- I believe it is a great course with a great instructor who is enthusiastic about teaching this class. Very helpful information. Thank you and God Bless.