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**Fan Fiction: How It Supports Creative Writing**

Fan fiction is a type of fictional text written by fans of any work of fiction. It ranges from a couple of sentences to an entire novel. Fan fiction can hone the writing skills of students. One of the main challenges teachers can encounter when teaching creative writing to students is that they need to give step by step guidance to children to start with their content. Creative writing involves understanding how to craft a setting through description and imagery and devise conflicts for the characters that can move an original plot forward. This can be a very difficult task for students who may not even have command on writing with imagery. According to my experience, fictional or creative writing improves the writing skills and induces creative ability in students. A teacher can use fan fiction to build his students’ writing abilities. Children grow confident as writers and start to incorporate creative subject matter in their writings to make it interesting.

**Teachers Are Still Important in This Process of Learning**

The above narrative do not implies that teachers are not important. Teachers are more important than ever because this is a change in the culture and in the ecology of learning. Teachers will guide their students to create creative content. Teachers must allow their students to choose an assignment of their own choice. This gives them a sense of ownership over their compositions and they will learn to work independently. Teachers let the students to find out their mistakes by giving them a guideline about spelling and grammatical mistakes. By doing so, students will develop a sense of accomplishment. Educators will have to put more effort in this regard as creative writing has been excluded from the schools. They need to pay more attention to the student’s writing ability to encourage them to produce a more effective composition.