Creative Writing

*Overview	Students will be able to: • Write structured paragraphs and sentences. • Formulate the flow of a creative writing piece. • Generate objects to write their piece about. • Think creatively in order to find the main idea of their story.
*Objectives	Students will be able to: • Complete a creative essay using Wolfram Alpha to help create their story.
*Learning Environment	Class room with roughly 25 students Computer Lab access Rural or urban school
*Type of students	Third grade students from multicultural Backgrounds
*Standards	**Standard 3: READING: Literary Response and Analysis** Response to grade-level-appropriate literature includes identifying story elements such as character, theme, plot, and setting, and making connections and comparisons across texts. Literary response enhances students' understanding of history, culture, and the social sciences.
*Procedure	Have students take five minutes to describe themselves from an ant's point of view. Have students Volunteer to read their mini-paragraphs. • Student activity: Have students use Wolfram|Alpha to generate the pieces of their story. í Setting: random city í Characters: random first name í Character's job: random salary í Find a way to incorporate the following into your creative writing piece: random holiday, random historical event, random food, random cause of death, and random lake. • Have students do research on the random things that they do not know about (historical events, holidays, etc.). • Students can then begin the brainstorming process. • Students can take the rest of class to begin writing their story. Remember that this is a creative piece so it can be about anything and from any perspective. • Students will finish their rough draft for homework.
*Application	Require students to hand in a main idea for their story before they leave class.
*Evaluation	Students will be able to create a creative essay using wolfram Alpha. They will be able to use the ideas to help make their stories more interesting.

1 http://www.indianastandardsresources.org/
2 http://homeworkday.wolframalpha.com/gallery/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/Creative_Writing1.pdf