

Writers in Residence (WIR)
A Summary of the Assessment Survey Responses – Spring and Fall 2017

At the end of the creative writing workshop, WIR asks the residents that participated in the creative writing workshops to anonymously complete an assessment survey that may improve the creative writing workshops in order to provide the residents with a better experience. The responses highlighted below are verbatim.

1. What was your first impression of us? How did you feel about coming to the first session? Excited? Nervous?
 - a. "I was calm and chill and I was ready to learn something new."
 - b. "I didn't know what to think. I was curious, so I gave it a chance to see what it was about."
 - c. "I knew I was going to like your program because I love writing. I feel I can express my feelings in writing."

2. What is your final impression of us? Has anything changed from your first impression?
 - a. "I love this group."
 - b. "I feel like we've developed a relationship that was worth having."
 - c. "I'm glad that I was able to join it has helped a lot."

3. What were your expectations for this workshop? Have we met those expectations or fallen short?
 - a. "A lot of writing."
 - b. "My expectations are what you gave me – a new way to escape my problems."
 - c. "To help me articulate in writing. We have met those expectations."
 - d. "To develop strategies that would bring my creativity into work."

4. Have you benefited from these sessions? If yes, how?
 - a. "Yes thought more about writing as coping skill."
 - b. "Yes because it helped me get better on my writing skills."
 - c. "Yes, it has shown in my letters and writing."

5. Which poem or piece did you like the most? Why?
 - a. "The Tupac and Kendrick Lamar poem. Why, because they talked about a lot of stuff I can relate to."
 - b. "Immortal Man by Kendrick Lamar. I feel like that I am that song."
 - c. "The one by Langston Hughes because it shows how his mother grew up."

6. In your own words, how would you describe the program?
 - a. "A program that helps you bring your creativity into reality."
 - b. "This program is a cool laid back program. If you not feeling it this could bring your mood up."
 - c. "I would say it was good and really helped me out."

7. What would you change about the sessions?
 - a. "Nothing."
 - b. "Nothing but more music."
 - c. "Make the time longer."

8. Before the sessions, were you interested in reading and writing? Do you read or write more or less as much as you did before you started coming to Writers in Residence?
 - a. "I used to read a lot to occupy my time but now I read a lot more."
 - b. "I was interested, it was just that I didn't know how to approach it. I read, and wrote often prior to the group."
 - c. "Reading. I write more now than I ever did."

9. Has participating in this program helped you to reflect on your life? If so, how?
 - a. "I figured out what I want in life and how to get it."
 - b. "Yes, I can see how other people feel."
 - c. "Yes cause I got to put down stuff I never did get to say."

10. Has this program helped you develop as an artist? Has your creativity been challenged? If so, how?
 - a. "Yes, this showed me it was unique to be different, it's okay to exaggerate, and whatever you're thinking about is beneficial, even the little things."
 - b. "Yes, everything speaks for itself. If given an assignment I just do it. You guys opened my mind more."
 - c. "I try to write more deeply now."