

# Creative Response 2: Short Short Fan Fiction

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## Guidelines and Due Dates

- Outcomes:** For specific audiences, purposes; different genre of writing; use informal writing as a tool for developing critical thinking; importance of popular culture
- Format:** Semi-formal paper, 2 pages, up to 500 words, typed, no title page, 1” margins, doubled-spaced body, proper name block & title, single-sided print
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