## **Creative Writing in Science**

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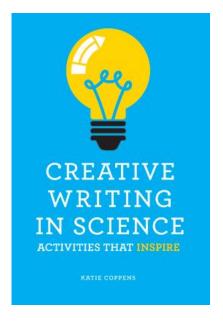
Year Level: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year

6, Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11, Year 12

**Focus Area:** Activities and Exercises

**Key Learning** 

**Area:** Science, English



## **Summary**

Who knew that writing plays, poems and even comics could help students learn science? When Katie Coppens, the science and English teacher who developed this book, blended science and writing in her own classroom, she watched students become stronger in both subjects. Her experience prompted her to write this classroom resource book, which features activities that integrate writing with content in life science, Earth and space science, engineering and physical science for Years 3–12.

You can tell a teacher wrote the book because it's so flexible and classroom friendly. Each of the 15 activities come with strategies for teaching a creative writing style – whether poetry or prose. You can use the assignments as in-class activities, homework or final assessments for a unit. Also included are reproducible handouts, graphic organisers, writing models, (to guide instruction and help students better understand your expectations) and scoring rubrics.

Whether you encourage students to write a travel blog about the digestive system, a packing list for the planets, or an interview with an atom, you'll inspire them to be more imaginative while you enjoy new strategies for assessing their scientific understanding.

## **Other Resources**

- Everyday Physical Science Mysteries (NST0874)
- Once Upon an Earth Science Book: 12 Interdisciplinary Activities to Create Confident Readers (NST8905)
- Inquiring Scientists, Inquiring Readers: Using Nonfiction to Promote Science Literacy Years 3–5 (NST4377)
- *To Look Closely: Science and Literacy in the Natural World* (SHP7781)



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