

# Advanced Essay Writing+

## Course Curriculum

### Grades 9 - 12 : SAT/ACT, College & Scholarship Essay Writing and Public Speaking

- ACT/SAT Essay Format Familiarization
- Writing a Book Critique
- Writing an Author Critique
- Capitalization Review
- Paragraph Structure Review
- Comma Rules Review
- Apostrophe Review
- Descriptive Writing Review
- How to Use the Purdue Owl Review
- The difference between in-text and works cited (review)
- Identifying correct and incorrect citation in MLA Format
- Elements of Public Speaking
- Eye contact
- Pace of Delivery in Public Speaking
- Enunciation/Pronunciation of Words in Public Speaking
- Creating a Powerpoint/Google Slide/Prezi Presentation
- Familiarization with Common editing symbols
- Speaking with enthusiasm/Appropriate Inflection
- Creating appropriate Analogies
- Grammar in Writing
- How to Avoid Writer's Block
- Argument Type: Ethos, Pathos and Logos
- Methods of Editing
- Choosing an appropriate topic
- Seeing Writing as a Process, Not just a Final Product

- Methods of Gathering Information
- How to Write a Basic 8 Page informative Essay
- Acceptable vs. Unacceptable Sources
- Creation of 8 Page MLA Paper (Meeting the deadline)
- 10 Slide 4 Minute Presentation
- Practice Editing MLA papers
- What is APA Format?
- Converting MLA to APA
- Deductive vs. Inductive Logic
- Summary vs. Paraphrase
- Avoiding Plagiarism
- Meeting Essay Requirements
- Analysis of Classic Essays: What makes them Effective?
- Analysis of Famous Speakers: What makes their Delivery Effective?
- Persuasive Essays (observing and writing one)
- Argumentative Essays (observing and writing one)
- Commas/Parentheses for Non-Essential Clauses
- 13 Tenses of English Writing
- Transitive/Intransitive Verbs (Review)
- Active vs. Passive Voice (Review)
- Peer Editing
- Practice Composing College Application Essays