

Intermediate Essay Writing+

Course Curriculum

Grades 6 - 8 : Essay Writing & Public Speaking

- Avoiding Plagiarism
- Meeting Essay Requirements
- Time Management
- Influence of Great Writing in History
- Articulating Opinions vs. Articulating Facts
- Avoiding Logical Fallacies
- Purpose of Research
- Proofreading Practice
- Why MLA is the Foundation
- How to use the Perdue owl
- The Difference between In-text Citation and Works Cited
- Identifying Correct and Incorrect Citation in MLA Format
- Capitalization Review
- Paragraph Cohesion Review
- Avoiding Comma Splices
- Transitive vs. Intransitive Verbs
- Review of Clauses (adjective, dependent, independent)
- When to use Italics Ellipses, hyphens and abbreviated Latin phrases
- Possession Review - apostrophes (singular and plural nouns)
- Verb Tense Consistency in Writing
- Elements of Public Speaking
- Eye Contact
- Pace of Delivery in Public Speaking
- Enunciation/Pronunciation of Words in Public Speaking
- Creating a Powerpoint/Google Slide Presentation
- Alphabetizing Sources on a Works Cited/References page (slide)

- 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 Product
- Methods of Gathering Information
- How to Write a Basic 8+ Informative Essay
- Acceptable vs. Unacceptable Sources
- Creation of an 8 Page MLA Paper (meeting a deadline)
- 10 Slide 4 min Presentation to the Class
- Practice Peer Editing
- What is APA Format?
- Converting MLA to APA
- Deductive vs. Inductive Logic
- Logic in Writing
- Summary vs. Paraphrase
- Identifying Fragments, Run-ons and complete sentences
- Appropriate Scholarships/Presentation Opportunities For Middle School Students
- Linking Verbs, Helping Verbs
- Verbs vs. Verbals
- Active vs. Passive Voice
- Commonly misspelled/Mispronounced words
- How to enrich your writing style

