

Beginner Essay Writing+

Course Curriculum

Grades 4 - 6 : Essay Writing & Public Speaking

- Descriptive Writing
- Parts of Speech
- Transition Words
- Conjunctions
- Conjunctions with Punctuation
- Types of Sentences
- Writing Dialogue
- Identifying Complete Sentences vs. Fragments
- Avoiding Run-On Sentences
- How to Use a Colon vs. Semi-colon
- When to Use an Apostrophe
- Homophones and Homonyms
- Comma Omission
- Quotation Marks (Direct vs. Reported Speech)
- Building a Cohesive Paragraph (topic sentence, support, conclusion sentence)
- Capitalization Review
- Writing for an Audience
- Understanding Debate
- Argument/Counter-Argument
- Rebuttal, Logical Fallacies
- Parts of a Sentence
- Note Taking Skills
- Maximizing Detail in Writing
- Creating Suspense
- Creating Tone
- Using Research Tools (Databases, Acceptable vs. Unacceptable Sources)

- Staying on Topic (developing cohesion throughout an essay)
- Choosing an Appropriate Topic
- Using the Research/Writing Process
- Introduction to MLA (Modern Language Association) Format
- Creating an Outline
- Elements of Public Speaking
- Eye Contact
- Pace of Delivery in Public Speaking
- Enunciation/Pronunciation of Words in Public Speaking
- Comparison of Famous Speakers: What makes them Effective?
- Creating a PowerPoint/Google Slide Presentation
- Use of Singular/Plural Nouns in sentences
- Use of Verb Tense in sentences
- Use of Compound Subjects/Verbs
- Use of Appropriate Adjectives and Pronouns
- Use of Appropriate Contractions
- Alphabetizing Sources on a Works Cited Page/Slide
- Familiarization with Common Editing Symbols
- Possession – Apostrophe use (singular vs. plural)
- Speaking with Enthusiasm and Appropriate Inflection
- Creating Appropriate Analogies
- Understanding the use of Prepositions in Sentences
- Commonly Misspelled/Mispronounced Words