

Advanced Writing

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Description:

Advanced Writing program will use a variety of reading sources in class, including short stories, poetry, essays, and editorials to strengthen students' ability to create thoughtful, coherent, and well organized creative works and essays. The main emphasis of this course is the process of writing itself. Therefore, it is mandatory for students to submit three pieces of their past writing before the course begins. These pieces will help me to better understand each student's strengths and weaknesses so that the class will work for them.

Students will:

- a) **Develop stronger vocabularies**. While children have complex, interesting ideas, they often do not have the tools to properly express them. This course will help students articulate their thoughts with more precision and nuance.
- b) Learn to properly structure their sentences. Students will learn how to give their writing pieces an internal sense of momentum and coherency. Common writing issues like poor spelling, grammar, run-on sentences, repetition, filler, and weasel words will be addressed and analyzed during class-time
- c) Improve their editing skills. Writing is a collaborative project. I will help students develop their own authorial voice through consistent and direct feedback. For students, they will need to be attentive and patient. In order to be a successful writer, you must become a diligent editor.
- d) Become more comfortable and confident while writing. This is the main goal of the course. Anyone can become a strong writer, but it is a long process. There is no overnight success. Students must be willing to do the work.