



WEST HARPETH CHRISTIAN TUTORIAL

Argumentative Writing & Research (formerly Art of Writing I)

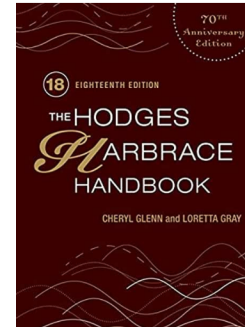
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Prerequisites:

- This course is recommended for students 10th grade and up. It is a college-prep writing course.
- Students must complete and pass a diagnostic writing assignment at registration. Students who have completed Basic Composition can enroll without taking the diagnostic.
- Students are required to have a basic command of writing and understand the 5 paragraph essay.



Course Description

This class builds on the English skills taught in Basic Composition; however, students who have strong writing skills will also be welcome this class. Again, this is a college-prep class for 10th grade students and above.

Students will learn the logic that will prepare them for college, and they will learn to integrate that critical thinking into their writing. They will learn how to conduct effective and professional research.

The class will cover a paper over logic, an essay requiring students to defend a Biblical belief, and finally a paper that will ask students to take an argumentative thesis and defend it using the research they have discovered.

Books & Supplies

- **Harbrace Handbook**, 18th edition ISBN - 978-1-111-34670-6
- **The Miniature Guide to Critical Thinking** (print or Kindle version) ISBN - 1538134942
- Students might find it easier complete research at the end of the year if they have access to Brentwood Library or the Nashville Public Library system. However, this is not required.

Of note:

- As this class focuses on the revision of essays for the learning process, you can expect grades to improve as each essay revision is submitted.
- Please contact the tutor with any questions.

Commitment

- This course meets once a week.
- Writing, writing, and thinking.
- Assignments will cover grammar assignments and logic assignments. In both cases, the assignments will require the student to write their answers coherently or to analyze and rewrite sentences for grammar practice.
- The homework amounts to about a week's worth of work each week. The student should not complete all work in one day. The work should be spread out through the week for optimal learning.

A typical class will look like...

Class will be structured as follows:

- (1) Lecture on Logic (as it relates to writing and paper assignments) and tests over readings.
- (2) In-class drill and writing focused on grammar and essay assignments.
- (3) Primary essay assignments and research written and conducted outside of class.