



Basic Composition

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Prerequisites:

- All students are required to pass a diagnostic test over basic grammar skills.
- This is a College Prep class; as such, it is for advanced 9th grade students, and 10th grade students and up.



Course Description:

Writing, writing, and more writing.

The students will learn the basics of essay writing to prepare them for more advanced English.

By applying good grammar developed through intense and frequent practice, students will develop strong writing and organizational skills which will help them produce coherent essays.

Students will study the writing process in-depth and then apply these skills over three essays.

As a College Prep class, this course will focus on the skills needed to succeed on the college level.



Commitment:

- This course meets once a week.
- Assignments will cover grammar and writing. In both cases, the assignments will require the student to write their answers coherently or to analyze and rewrite sentences for grammar practice.
- There will be tests over reading material.
- All work will be writing-related.
- Students often perform at different levels, so some students may spend more time on assignments and essays than others. This is normal. 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.

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.



Books and 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 to complete research at the end of the year if they have access to the Brentwood Library or Nashville Public Library system. However, this is not required.