



## Specialized Writing

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### Prerequisites:

- Argumentative Writing & Research (formerly Art of Writing I)

OR

- Students can request entrance to this class by completing a diagnostic test or submitting a sample of writing that illustrates their ability to write at the level required.



### Course Description:

This class is for students who want to take a different sort of writing class. Students who demonstrate competency in research, having done a few research projects/papers over an academic topic but want to learn something different are excellent candidates for this class.

Students wanting to increase their writing skills, learn new techniques, develop their writing in a new direction would thrive in this class. We create a community of writers dedicated to creating a strong writer's voice, mastering several rhetorical techniques, and learning to address writing theory from new perspectives. This class is tailored to specific student needs. So, if students would like to learn more about how to develop a writer's voice, or how to structure a short story or novel, this is the class. If parents would like their students to learn how to apply for College or to apply for a job, this is also the course. The class is intended to cover current writing practices that are not often taught in high school. If standard high school English classes offer nothing new for your student, this is the class you should take.



### Commitment:

- This course meets once a week.
- Writing, writing, and writing.
- Homework assignments can cover grammar, logic, writing style, audience analysis, and other skills students/parents consider necessary for their children.
- The work will challenge students to think differently about their writing and hone skills not necessarily taught in traditional English courses.



### A typical class will look like...

Class would be structured in the following manner:

- (1) Lecture and in class workshops of outside grammar and writing assignments (worksheets, essays, etc.)
- (2) Periodic Multiple Choice tests
- (3) Teacher mentoring on major assignments.

Of note:

- Students can learn such varied skills as resume writing, interviewing techniques, developing a Writer's Voice, creative writing, etc.
- How to conduct advanced Bible Studies, apply for jobs, develop their creative writing skills, are some other skills available.
- In short, this class is for students who want to develop writing skills not normally developed in an English class.



### Books and Supplies

- Harbrace Handbook, 18th edition  
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