The Lantern English Co.
The Growing Writer

Essay Basics

Course Description: Learning to write organized and meaningful essays should be a skill that all students attain. This course teaches essay basics, beginning with a review of the paragraph, the foundation of all essay writing. Students then learn how to develop a topic and thesis, write proper introductions and conclusions, choose the best organizational methods, and plan their essays with the goal of writing a five-paragraph essay. Finally, students spend time learning how to transition well between paragraphs and use examples within the context of practice essay assignments.

Course Outline:

Week One: Review of the Paragraph

Week Two: Topic Vs. Thesis

Week Three: The Introduction

Week Four: The Conclusion

Week Five: Essay Planning

A. Organizational Methods

B. Submitting First Outline

Week Six: The Five-Paragraph Essay

Week Seven: Transitions

Week Eight: Using Examples

Grading Information: All assignment grades for this course will be averaged to receive a final course grade. Please review *The Growing Writer* grading rubric for more information about how assignments will be graded.

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