



ACES Academic Enrichment Center

2019 Summer Enrichment Course Syllabus

Course Name: Perfecting Grammar, Style, and Flow for 5th-6th Graders

Course Description

Students will build a solid foundation in grammar, style, and mechanics they need in order to develop a thorough understanding of syntax, readily identify parts of speech, and avoid common grammatical mistakes. The grammar section of this course is specifically geared toward concepts frequently tested on the multiple-choice writing section on both the SAT and ACT. This style section focuses on developing student's skills in writing SAT style argumentative essays which include how to write a strong thesis statement with supporting evidence. By learning these concepts, the students will be able to improve the overall quality of their writing by breaking down the components of the essay and then learning how to tie them together coherently especially under a time constraint.

Course Objectives and Student Competencies

- Feel more confident writing papers grammatically correct
- Develop argumentative skills and stronger thesis writing skills
- Prepare students to do high-school level Pre-AP/SAT/ACT English

Class Structure

Class begins with an overview of the topic for the day. The class will read and discuss a shorter passage together then students will speed read passages and answer questions together before trying them out on their own.

| Date | Topics | Homework |
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| 6/17 | Common and complex aspects of grammar | Reading and assignment #1 |
| 6/18 | Conciseness and cohesion | Reading and assignment #2 |
| 6/19 | Putting theory into practice | Reading and assignment #3 |
| 6/20 | Writing thesis statements | Reading and assignment #4 |
| 6/21 | Revising and editing for grammar, context, style, conciseness, and strong arguments | |