



ACES Academic Enrichment Center

2019 Summer Enrichment Course Syllabus

Course Name: Advanced Academic Writing for 6th – 8th Graders

Course Description

ACES Foundations of Advanced Academic Writing explores components needed to create a well-argued and well-supported essay including building a strong thesis statement and an analytical body paragraph structure. Emphasis will be placed on the understanding of organization, form, idea, style, voice, and the mechanics needed for effective communication in a writing long essay. Students will also learn to research and how to incorporate that research into their papers in order to effectively bolster their arguments. This class serves as a basis for various forms of nonfiction academic writing for assignments such as science research papers and reports, history essays, and literary analyses. In Advanced Academic Writing, students will be expected to write longer essays containing a more in-depth analysis and read more complex and rigorous research and texts to use as evidence for their theses.

Course Objectives and Student Competencies

- Gain confidence and skill writing academic papers
- Gain research skills
- Become more fluent in use of advanced grammatical constructions and vocabulary through writing applications

Class Structure

Class begins with a short writing warm-up to introduce the new topic. The writing topic of the day is developed and discussed. Students will share their homework and read examples of the day's lesson on writing. Students share their writing with each other.

Date	Topics	Homework
6/17	Finding strong arguments, creating a strong thesis, organizing and outlining	Writing Exercise # 1
6/18	Building a good argument, claims and evidence	Writing Exercise # 2
6/19	Research and quoting	Writing Exercise # 3
6/20	Writing strong body paragraphs	Writing Exercise # 4
6/21	“so what?” and “who cares?” elements of strong writing, strong conclusions, revising and editing	