



ACES Academic Enrichment Center

2019 Summer Enrichment Course Syllabus

Course Name: The Persuasive Essay for 6th – 8th Graders

Course Description

ACES Persuasive Essay Writing serves as an introduction to argumentative writing, centered on an opinion. Students will learn the rhetorical triangle and gain techniques for strengthening stylistic devices and the structures of well-written sentence. Students will complete deductive and inductive arguments.

Course Objectives and Student Competencies

- Gain confidence and skill as effective persuasive writers
- 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, and students have a chance to practice with timed writing exercises. Students share their writing and gain practice proofreading. Finally, students prepare outlines for the next day's writing assignment.

Date	Topics	Homework
6/10	Collecting strong ideas, finding strong arguments	Proofreading Exercise and Essay Log # 1
6/11	Choosing an argument, building a good argument, different leads	Proofreading Exercise and Essay Log #2
6/12	Transitions to Signal Evidence, Concluding an Argument	Proofreading Exercise and Essay Log #3
6/13	Introduction to mentor texts, checking for supporting evidence	Proofreading Exercise and Essay Log #4
6/14	Editing-checking punctuation, editing varying types of sentences	Course Evaluation