

Course Description

High School -- Write Shop

H.O.M.E. Group 2018-19

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Start Date: Sept. 7, 2018

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End Date: May 17, 2019

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Class Time: Fridays, 9:50-11:20

This is a two semester class. First Semester Tuition (\$160) is due at Meet the Teacher on August 21, 2018. Second Semester Tuition (\$160) is due by December 31, 2018. Materials are purchased on your own; see Textbook and Supplies Needed section below.

SOARCE Cost: \$250/semester

Instructor Biography

I have been teaching professional writing classes since 2008. I am passionate about working with students to help them learn the skills they will need for college or their adult life. My goal is to work with parents on their specific goals for their student so writing becomes a positive experience for everyone.

I completed an Associate's Degree in General Studies at Macomb Community College. I also completed a Bachelor's Degree in General Studies with a minor in Journalism at Oakland University. My professional experience includes working as a writer in the Public Relations Department at Henry Ford Hospital, St. Joseph's, Bon Secours, Manufacturer's Bank and Comerica.

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This step-by-step program gives students the necessary tools to develop excellent writing skills. As students learn, practice, and build on each concept, they will be able to express themselves confidently.

Skills & Topics

- * Learn to write four different types of paragraphs: descriptive, informative, persuasive, and narrative
- * Learn how to work in a writing group

Course Objectives/Goals

During this 32-week class, students will learn four types of writing: descriptive, informative, persuasive, and narrative. They will begin with one solid paragraph and then gradually work up to three. We will incorporate grammar review and stylistic techniques. I will assess each student and encourage them to work at their own level.

Textbook and Supplies Needed

1. The Write Shop 1 Student Edition. The Write Shop 2 Student Edition.
2. Use of a computer to research and type homework.
3. Lined paper and pencil to take notes in class.
4. The Synonym Finder by J. I. Rodale (can be purchased used)
5. Free version of Grammarly installed on your computer.
6. A supply of printer paper and ink on hand. Homework cannot be emailed.
7. One large binder to store handouts, One large binder to store final papers.
8. A gmail account to submit homework through google docs.

Classroom Policies

Please arrive on time. Pay close attention and participate. Find a study buddy. If you are absent, please be sure to get your work turned in on time or early. All homework must be typed and printed. All edits must be turned with the new copy. Emails will be sent weekly. THEY MUST BE READ!

Evaluation and Grading

Writing is a process. Students will have a checklist to follow to earn points for each assignment. If they need to edit their papers, they may do so within 2 weeks. This will help raise their grade. There will be periodic quizzes and tests after each unit. Unexcused late work will be marked down one grade each week.

Percent	Letter Grade
100-98	A +
97-93%	A
92-90%	A-
89-87%	B+
86-83%	B
82-80%	B-
79-77%	C+
76-73%	C
72-70%	C-
69-67%	D+
66-63%	D
62-60%	D-
59-0%	F