



Growing The Essay I – Syllabus

Course Description: This class helps students naturally progress from the five-paragraph essay to an essay of up to ten paragraphs utilizing the rough draft and revision method. While helping students continue good essay planning and outlining skills, we discuss key ways to grow the essay, through constructing stronger introductions and conclusions, improving writing voice, showing rather than telling (descriptive essay) and creating significance (personal narrative essay).

Course Outline:

Week One: Beginning & End (More About Intros & Conclusions) – Rough Draft

Week Two: Beginning & End (More About Intros & Conclusions) – Revised Draft

Week Three: Improving Writing Voice – Rough Draft

A. Sentence Length & Variety

B. Vivid Vocabulary

C. Showing Sentences

Week Four: Improving Writing Voice – Revised Draft

Week Five: Showing through Writing: The Descriptive Essay – Rough Draft

Week Six: Showing through Writing: The Descriptive Essay – Revise Draft

Week Seven: Creating Significance: The Narrative Essay – Rough Draft

Week Eight: Creating Significance: The Narrative Essay – Revised Draft

Grading Information: All assignments will be graded using *The Growing Writer Rubric* and averaged to receive a final course grade.