



The Lantern English Co.

The Growing Writer

## **Essay Basics**

**Course Description:** Learning to write organized and meaningful essays should be a skill that all students attain. This course teaches essay basics, beginning with a review of the paragraph, the foundation of all essay writing. Students then learn how to develop a topic and thesis, write proper introductions and conclusions, choose the best organizational methods, and plan their essays with the goal of writing a five-paragraph essay. Finally, students spend time learning how to transition well between paragraphs and use examples within the context of practice essay assignments.

### **Course Outline:**

**Week One:** Review of the Paragraph

**Week Two:** Topic Vs. Thesis

**Week Three:** The Introduction

**Week Four:** The Conclusion

**Week Five:** Essay Planning

A. Organizational Methods

B. Submitting First Outline

**Week Six:** The Five-Paragraph Essay

**Week Seven:** Transitions

**Week Eight:** Using Examples

**Grading Information:** All assignment grades for this course will be averaged to receive a final course grade. Please review *The Growing Writer* grading rubric for more information about how assignments will be graded.

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