



The Lantern English Co.

The Growing Writer

Growing The Essay FAST TRACK

Course Description: This class covers all *Growing the Essay* content in our standard eight-week format. Students learn how to grow essays through constructing stronger introductions and conclusions and through improving writing voice. Students then learn about the four essay styles: descriptive, narrative, expository, and persuasive. Students should be prepared to write one complete essay each week.

Course Outline:

Week One: Starting Well – More About the Introduction

Week Two: Ending Well – More About the Conclusion

Week Three: Improving Writing Voice

A. Sentence Length & Variety

B. Vivid Vocabulary

C. Showing Sentences

Week Four: Showing through Writing: The Descriptive Essay

Week Five: Using Figurative Language: The Descriptive Essay – An Idea

Week Six: Creating Significance: The Narrative Essay

Week Seven: Using Sources: Historical Exposition

Week Eight: Creating Debate: Intro to Persuasive Writing

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.