

# 12 Week Writing Workshop

Private Small Group Lessons, taught by Tamer Higazi, B.Ed.

#### **Class Size:**

4 students min | 6 students max

4 students \$40/hr

5-6 students \$35/hr

\*Cohorts:

Gr. 4-5 | Gr. 6-7 | Gr. 8-9 | Gr. 10-12

\*All lessons are 2 hrs., once/per week, ZOOM-PRO platform

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#### **About the Instructor:**

Before I was a debate coach, I taught high school English at Pickering College. Before that, I ran The English Coach for 10 years, where I developed and taught this very writing workshop to countless small groups of students.

I am prepared to meet your child where they are as a writer, and to guide them towards their full potential. In this intensive writing workshop, students will maintain an ongoing digital portfolio, containing both creative and formal writing. Portions of the class are instructional and collaborative, but there will also be time for students to hunker down with works in progress, polish up final copies, and submit for teacher edits.'

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#### Writing proficiency corresponds directly with the student's mastery in the areas listed below:

### **Vocabulary Building**

- Tough antonyms
- in-class listsarticles/essays/letters
- transcribed discussions
- fancy synonyms

# **Expressions & Idioms**

- various handouts
- TOEFL lists
- in-class lists
- phrasal transitions

#### **Phrasal Verbs**

review (two-word verbs)

## **Analytical Thinking**

- logical fallacies
- the big picture
- PAEL technique
- finding connections
- finding irony/paradox

# **Critical Thinking**

- challenging assumptions
- insight development
- deductive reasoning
- linking the chain

#### Interpretation

- reading between the lines
- inference, subtlety
- subtext

### **Paraphrasing**

• sentences, paragraphs

# **Expansion Paragraphs**

 turn a stand-alone sentence into a monster paragraph

#### **Argumentation**

- building a narrative
- case construction
- filler techniques

### **Creative Writing**

- autobiography, stories, dialogue, summaries, character development
- literary devices

# **Essay Writing**

- essay styles: persuasive/ expository/
- research/APA, MLA
- prep-work: graphic organizers, lay-out, mind maps
- citation, footnotes

# **Reading Comprehension**

- literature
- the best way to write is to read

# **Editing Techniques**

- collaborative editing
- self-editing (for grammar, paraphrasing, insights, expansion, reduction, unity)



