

IEW - U.S. History-Based Writing (6th-8th Grades)

Online, self-paced course opens: Sept. 4, 2018 – May 17, 2019

Instructor: Renee Metcalf

Course Description:

Remove the anxiety out of writing by using IEW's systematic and incremental approach. Engaging historical source texts (Colonial life, Boston Tea Party, Declaration of Independence, the Statue of Liberty, the Space Race...) are used to help students learn to extract key ideas, invaluable in note-taking. Checklists provide a concrete way to determine what must be included in each paper. Students also add to their vocabulary, learn how to organize their sources, conduct research, and write top quality papers. (It is not necessary to be studying American history concurrently, to take this course.) This course covers all nine of the IEW writing units, so that previous exposure to IEW is helpful, but not necessary.)

Tuition: \$59/month or \$212/semester

Texts:

[U.S. History-Based Writing, 1st edition \(Feb. 2017\)](#) by Lori Verstegen

ISBN: 978-1-62341-266-1

[Student Resource Packet](#)

thesaurus

Journey to Topaz by Yoshiko Uchida

Goals and Objectives:

- Learn about famous people and events from American history.
- Create outlines and take notes suitable to the type of writing structure.
- Use the parts of speech to communicate accurately and effectively.
- Create captivating titles and introductions.
- Write satisfying conclusions.
- Use a variety of sentence patterns to add complexity.
- Write original compositions.
- Explore creative writing.
- Learn to fuse notes from several sources, the foundation of research.
- Critique written works.