

Advanced Writing Class Syllabus

Lesson #	Class Topics	Style / Grammar / Rhetorical Device
Introduction to the Art of Writing Essays and Papers		
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the class • Defining an Essay • The Importance of Research for Essay Writing • Types of Sources / Evaluating Sources • MLA / APA Basic Format (for Position Paper due in March) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Voice • Metaphorical statements • Similes
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opinion Essay – Importance of Point Order • Proofreading using Proofreading Symbols (for self-editing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personification • Sentence Variety-Appositive • Metaphors
Opinion & Persuasive Essays		
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opinion Essay – Writing inviting & compelling introductions and satisfying conclusions • Writing the Opinion Essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allusions • Sentence Variety – Participle Phrases and Gerunds
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuasion Essentials • Formulating a Purpose Statement / Thesis • Establishing support for a topic you feel strongly about 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Showing” • Diction & Tone • Metonymy
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuasion Styles • Developing Essay Unity and Cohesiveness • Writing the Persuasive Essay with Stylistic Elements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence Variety – Prepositional & Infinitive Phrases • Compound Sentences • Synecdoche
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuasive Techniques • Watch Contradictions • Elements to Avoid in Writing a Paper • Writing a “Pet Peeve” Essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Rhetorical Devices • Video & Volume Verbs • Complex Sentences
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuasive Strategies & Ensuring a Persuasive Attitude • Strategies for Addressing Audiences • Writing a Persuasive Essay with Persuasive Techniques 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concrete & Abstract Nouns • Climax • Compound-Complex Sentences • Rhetorical Devices Test
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Augmentation Fundamentals – Moral / Ethical Persuasive Essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Compound-Complex Sentences • Asyndeton & Polysyndeton
Personal Writing		
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing a Personal Narrative or Personal Testimony 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing sentence types • irony
Writing the College Admission / Scholarship Essay		
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing the College Admission / Scholarship Essay and Making the Best Written Impression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitalization & Punctuation Rules
APA Research Paper Review		
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APA Format Essentials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review sentence structures, capitalization and punctuation

Literary Analysis Using The Minister's Black Veil by Nathaniel Hawthorne		
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Review of Literary Periods • Reviewing Literary Elements (setting, characterization, conflict, plot point of view, dialogue voice, theme, symbols, motifs, interpretations) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litotes • Cliches • Idioms • Review sentence structures, capitalization and punctuation
13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misplaced & Dangling Modifiers • Hyperbole
14	Writing a Literary Analysis Essay Using Prominent Literary Elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denotation and Connotation of Words • Antithesis
Analysis Using Appeals & Rhetorical Techniques		
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyzing & Identifying Types of Argumentations • Appeals & Appeals in Advertisement Project • Rhetorical Devices • Understanding Fallacies • Propaganda in Advertising Project 	• Logos, Ethos, & Pathos Appeals
16		• Fallacies and Propaganda / Persuasive Techniques
17		• Subject & Object Pronouns
18		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the Techniques of Logical Appeal to Write an Essay about a Current Event • Parallelism • Chiasmus • Pronoun & Subject Agreement
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logical Fallacies Project • Writing a Moral / Ethical Persuasive Essay on a Moral / Ethical Social Issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antithesis • Anaphora • Epistrophe • Continue Studying Pronouns
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing Literary & Speech Examples for Emotional Appeals • Presenting a Compare/Contrast Radio Spot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding Sentence Errors • Anaphora • Epistrophe • Continue Studying Pronouns
21	• Speech Analysis Project Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anadiplosis • Epanalepsis • Continue Studying Pronouns
22	• Using Emotional Appeal Strategies in a Letter	• Reviewing Appeals and letter writing
23	• Using Rhetorical Techniques and Figurative Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellipsis • Review Pronouns
24	• Review for Position Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erotema • Alliteration
25	Presentation and Position Paper	
26	<p style="text-align: center;">Media Project Unit</p> <p><i>How to become an informed citizen in the information overload age?" How do we determine what is not "fake news" and how should we use this information?</i></p>	• Oxymoron
27		• Review of Rhetorical Devices
28		• Comprehension Test on Rhetorical Devices

29	Media Project Presentation	
30	End of Class Pizza Celebration	

Materials

- 2 ½ to 3" 3–ring binder divided by the following sections.
- - Syllabus / Home Work Log
- - Writing References (RH)
- - Style & Composition (S&C)
- - GUM - Grammar, Usage & Mechanics (GUM)
- - Rhetorical Arguments, Appeals, and Fallacies for Persuasive Strategies (RAAFP)
- Writing Instruments (pen, pencil, erasers, colored pens or pencils, highlighters)

Text Book List

◆ The Power in Your Hands: Writing Nonfiction in High School 2 nd . edition
◆ The Writer's Tool Box: Using Rhetorical Devices to Improve Communication
◆ The Elements of Style by Strunk and White
◆ The Synonym Finder or a Collegiate Dictionary / Collegiate Thesaurus

