

Intermediate Writing Level II Syllabus

Lesson Number	Class Number	Lesson Title	Lesson Focus	Skill Builder Focus	1 st Draft	Final	Number of weeks
Review the Basics							
N/A	1	Introduction to Class and Elements of an Essay	Elements of the Academic Essay	Improving your Writing Style <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adding variety to your sentences• Writing in an active style.• Introducing Parallelism	-----	-----	1
N/A	2-3	Descriptive Personal Narrative Essay	Using elements of sensory & emotional details				2
25	4-5	Opinion Essay	Organizing information and developing points through outlining				2
Persuasive & Analytical Essays							
	6 -9	Advertising in Truth/Writing an Ad Analysis and Creating an Ad Campaign	Advertising Techniques and Persuasive Fallacies	Using Parallelism Effectively	Project Presentation		4
				Writing Style Review and Test			
				S/V Agreement			
	10 - 14	Persuasive Paper and Research Skills for Essay Writing Learning MLA Format	Formulating a <i>Thesis Statement</i> Where & how to find support information for essays Persuasive writing & using evidence Writing with a Counter Argument	Pronouns and Agreement			5
26	15	Editorial Essay	Fairness, Writing without being bias		—		1
N/A	16	Writing Critical Reviews	Techniques of critique	Sentence Types <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compound• Complex• Compound Complex	-----		1
27	17-18	Compare & Contrast	Language of Comparison				2
29	19	Essays that Define Sentence Structure Review	Abstract Definitions		—		1
30	20	Final Essay Test In - Class	Using skills learned	Timed Essay	—		1
Creative Writing							
N/A	21 – 23	Planning, Writing and Presenting a Short Story	How to Plan & Write a Short Story Plot Lines and Figurative Language	Punctuation	—		4
Writing about Literature with The Pearl							
26	24-29	Writing about Literature with a study of Steinbeck’s The Pearl	Imagery, Conflict, Theme	Vocab	Capitalization & Numbers	See Syllabus for Novel Unit	5
	30	May 14 th – End of Year Pizza Party Celebration					

Days Off – 10/23; 11/27; 12/18 - 1/1; 3/12; 4/23

All 1st Drafts are due on a Friday by 9 p.m. on the designated date.

All Final Copies are due on a Thursday by 9 p.m. on the designated date

Unless otherwise specified

Materials and Supplies Needed for Class

Please bring the following to class every week:

- ❖ WriteShop II work text (5th ed.)
- ❖ The Blue Book of Grammar – Reference and Quiz Book
- ❖ The Synonym Finder by J.I. Rodale (Required text, but can be left at home)

- ❖ A 2 ½ “– 3” 3-ring binder (needed for class handouts) and note book paper. *Spiral notebooks are **not** acceptable.*

Divided as follows:

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| • Syllabus / Homework | • GUM |
| • General Reference Information | • Creative Writing |
| • Essay Unit | • The Pearl |
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- ❖ Homework Folder (place all of your assignments in a folder before coming to class)
 - ❖ Notebook paper
 - ❖ Writing Instruments (pen or pencil and sharpener). Please have several.
 - ❖ Colored Pencils
 - ❖ Highlighters (except yellow)
 - ❖ The Synonym Finder or Collegiate Thesaurus
 - ❖ Paperback Dictionary (optional)