



Expository and Analytical Essay Writing

This course will focus on the structure and content of five-paragraph expository essays. Session One will serve as a beginner course. It will move slowly through the fundamentals and gradually build up to complete essays; time will be spent as needed with grammar and sentence structure. Session Two will assume that students are already familiar with how to structure an expository paper, and will focus on building stronger analytical arguments. I will address grammatical/stylistic problems as they arise based on the needs of the students. Both sessions will be writing intensive. Laptops or tablets may be brought to class to type papers, but are not necessary. No textbooks are required; materials will be provided in class.

Session One

Week 1: Brainstorming techniques and formal outline instruction, including thesis development and paragraph structure. Opinion-based prompts.

Week 2: MLA citation, analysis and annotation techniques. Development of text-based arguments using excerpts from poetry, prose and drama.

Week 3: Short story analysis

Session Two

Week 1: Quick review of essay structure, thesis statements, topic sentences, MLA format.. Develop opinion-based essay after debating issue

Week 2: Prose-based analysis

Week 3: Poetry and visual art-based analysis