

Writing Mechanics Syllabus

For grammar, we will be using GrammarFlip.com. For vocabulary, Vocabulary.com, editing Quill.com, and for writing, Class Companion. We will pay for subscriptions to all websites that require them. Other websites we use will be free. In the second half of the semester, students will be taught to write the 4 basic types of essays. They will peer grade each others' essays and then their final version will be graded by a teacher.

In addition, each week students are introduced to one literary device through a short video.

Grades will be weighted as follows:

Grammar: 40

Vocabulary: 20

Proofreading and peer reviews: 10

Essays: 20

Literary Devices: 10

Fall Semester

Module 1

Review of Elementary Grammar - Common Nouns and Proper Nouns, Capitalization, Subjects and Verbs, Conjunctions
Proofreading exercises
Vocabulary
Writing: 1st essay outline

Module 2

Review of Elementary Grammar - Verbs, Antecedents, Adjectives, Punctuation
Proofreading exercises
Vocabulary
Writing: - 1st essay first draft

Module 3

Review of Elementary Grammar - Punctuation, Adjectives, Adverbs, Prepositions
Proofreading exercises
Vocabulary
Writing: 1st essay second draft

Module 4

Review of Elementary Grammar - Parts of speech, Run-on Sentences, Interjections, Prepositional Phrases

Proofreading game

Vocabulary

Writing: 1st essay submitted

Module 5

Review of Middle School Grammar - Correlative Conjunctions, Active v Passive, Hard to find Subjects

Proofreading exercises

Vocabulary

Literary Devices: Similes, Metaphors and Personification lesson

Writing: 2nd essay outline

Module 6

Review of Middle School Grammar - Linking Verbs, Verb Phrases

Proofreading exercises

Vocabulary

Literary Devices: Similes, Metaphors and Personification assignment

Writing: 2nd essay first draft

Module 7

Review of Middle School Grammar: Commas between Adjectives, Nouns Functioning as Adjectives, Demonstrative Adjectives and Pronouns

Proofreading exercises

Vocabulary

Literary Device: Irony lesson

Writing: 2nd essay second draft

Module 8

Review of Middle School Grammar: Possessive Adjectives and Pronouns, Adverbs Modifying Adjectives and Adverbs

Proofreading exercises

Vocabulary

Literary Device: Irony assignment

Writing: 2nd essay submission

Module 9

Review of Middle School Grammar: More hard-to-find Subjects, Quotation Marks, Transitive and Intransitive Verbs

Proofreading exercises

Vocabulary

Literary Device: Hyperbole lesson

Writing: 3rd essay outline

Module 10

Review of Middle School Grammar: Direct and Indirect Objects, Subject Complements

Proofreading exercises

Vocabulary

Literary Device: Hyperbole assignment

Writing: 3rd essay first draft

Module 11

Review of Middle School Grammar: Nominative, Objective, and Possessive Pronouns

Proofreading exercises

Vocabulary

Literary Device: Juxtaposition lesson

Writing: 3rd essay second draft

Module 12

Review of Middle School Grammar: Phrases, More Commas

Vocabulary

Proofreading exercises

Literary Device: Juxtaposition assignment

Writing: 3rd essay submission

Module 13

Review of Middle School Grammar: Clauses, Subordinating Conjunctions

Vocabulary

Proofreading exercises

Literary Device: Allusion lesson

Writing: 4th essay outline

Module 14

Review of Middle School Grammar: Dependent/Subordinate Clauses, Simple and Compound Sentences, Semicolons

Vocabulary

Proofreading exercises

Literary Device: Allusion assignment

Writing: 4th essay first draft

Module 15

Review of Middle School Grammar: Complex Sentences, Commas after Introductory Clauses

Vocabulary

Proofreading exercises

Literary Device: Symbolism lesson

Writing: 4th essay second draft

Module 16

Vocabulary

Proofreading Quiz

Grammar Kahoot

Literary Devices in *Gift of the Magi*

Writing: 4th essay submission

Spring Semester

Module 17

Grammar:

Vocabulary:

Literary Device:

Writing: