

Class Description

Principles of Writing is designed to help you learn to communicate your ideas through writing. Each of us has the potential to become a competent writer. This course focuses on the process of composition, from pre-writing through editing, and emphasizes developing and refining the writing skills you need for academic success. Through frequent writing assignments, readings, group work, and discussion, we will work together to become better writers.

Outline of topics covered (+ indicates the class will take place outside of scheduled Co-Op)

Pre-Week 1: Online Grammar Pretest

Week 1: In class diagnostic essay and non-fiction writing analysis

Week 2: Narrative Writing

Week 3: Thinking Rhetorically

Week 4: Narrative Forms

Week 5: Narrative Writing

Week 6: Importance of Tone

Week 7: Peer Editing

Week 8: Analytic Writing

Week 9: Deconstructing Analysis

Week 10: Roadmap to Analytic Writing

Week 11: Grammar Review/Persuasive Language

Week 12: Peer Editing

Week 13+: Academic Writing/ Online Grammar Midterm Assessment

Week 14: Choosing Manageable Topics

Week 15: Reliable Sources

Week 16: Synthesis

Week 17: Citing Sources

Week 18: Workshop

Week 19: Peer Editing

Week 20: Intro. To Multimedia

Week 21: Multimedia/Multimodal

Week 22: Presentation/Visuals in Writing

Week 23: Portfolio Guidelines

Week 24: Peer Review/Workshop

Week 25: Peer Review/Workshop

Week 26+: Portfolio Presentations/ Online Grammar Final Assessment

About the Instructor

Laura Ricklefs is a NYS certified English Language Arts teacher. She has her BA in English and Secondary Education from SUNY Geneseo as well as her Masters in Literacy Education from

St. John Fisher College. Prior to homeschooling her own 3 children, she taught Middle School and High School English for several years.

Since leaving the traditional classroom, she has tutored students in writing from grades 6 all the way up to college level both online and in person, scored SAT written responses, created a writing curriculum for traditional classrooms, and developed Grace's secondary level writing curriculum.