

Advanced Writing Syllabus

Unit 1- Paragraph Writing

Students will learn the elements of a paragraph, and how to write in paragraph form. They will then practice and hone their skills through different types of paragraph writing such as descriptive, informative, and persuasive.

Unit 2- Five Paragraph Essays

In this unit, students will develop a strong foundation in structured essay writing by mastering the five-paragraph essay format. The unit will begin with an introduction to essay structure, including thesis statements, topic sentences, and supporting details. Students will learn how to craft compelling introductions, well-organized body paragraphs, and effective conclusions.

Through guided practice, brainstorming activities, and peer review, students will refine their writing skills and learn how to develop clear, cohesive arguments. They will explore different types of five-paragraph essays, such as persuasive, narrative, and expository essays, while emphasizing organization, clarity, and evidence-based reasoning. By the end of the unit, students will be able to confidently plan, draft, revise, and finalize a well-structured five-paragraph essay.

Unit 3- Research Paper

In this unit, students will learn the essential steps of researching, organizing, and writing a formal research paper. The unit will begin with an introduction to academic research, including how to identify credible sources, take effective notes, and develop a strong thesis statement. Students will then learn how to create an outline to structure their ideas logically and cohesively. Throughout the unit, students will practice integrating evidence, citing sources properly using MLA or APA format, and avoiding plagiarism. They will engage in drafting, revising, and peer reviewing to refine their writing and improve clarity, coherence, and argumentation. By the end of the unit, students will have completed a polished research paper that demonstrates their ability to conduct thorough research, analyze information critically, and communicate their findings effectively.

Unit 4- Writing for life

In this unit, students will develop practical writing skills essential for real-world communication. They will learn how to craft professional letters, compose clear and effective work-related emails, and build strong, well-structured resumes. The unit will also cover writing engaging speeches, creating persuasive proposals, and other forms of writing commonly used in personal and professional settings.

Through hands-on practice, peer feedback, and real-life scenarios, students will gain confidence in their ability to communicate effectively in various situations. By the end of the unit, they will have a portfolio of polished, practical writing samples and the skills needed to navigate the workplace and everyday communication with clarity and professionalism.

Unit 5- Poetry

In this unit, students will explore the beauty and power of poetry by studying the works of master poets and experimenting with various poetic forms. They will analyze classic and contemporary poems, examining elements such as imagery, tone, rhyme, meter, and figurative language.

Students will also engage in the creative process by writing their own poetry, experimenting with forms such as sonnets, haikus, free verse, and narrative poetry. Through workshops, peer feedback, and revision, they will refine their poetic voice and learn how to express emotions, ideas, and stories through verse. By the end of the unit, students will have a deeper appreciation for poetry as both a literary art form and a means of personal expression.