

College Prep Reading & Essay Writing

(Honors Level grades 11th and 12th grades, often ages 16-17)

NOTE: This course is reserved for the Honors Level 11th and 12th grade students. The course work is rigorous, including advanced texts, independent work on assignments, and 6-7 hours of homework weekly. Students will be prepared for college level English and Literature courses as long as they commit to completing assignments and participating in the class instruction times.

Skills Needed to Succeed:

- Has previously been introduced to writing a research paper
- Able to spend significant time researching a variety of topics
- Solid understanding of basic grammar: correct sentence structure, including punctuation
- Understands how to write information in own words or cite works vs. plagiarizing
- Able to read complex novels with challenging vocabulary, more mature content, and complex sentence structures
- Practices the following study skills:
 - Novel annotations and charting
 - Summarizing
 - Note-taking
- Familiar with literary analysis writing and correctly weaving quotes into essay
- Shows a degree of mastery writing a 3 body paragraph essay and is already consistently writing 5 paragraph essays
- Shows evidence of time management skills
- Able to complete 6 to 7 hours of homework weekly

Skills Learned:

- Students in this course will apply all of the foundational skills learned in previous classes, and deepen their writing skills to compose more advanced written responses.
- At this level, the depth of analysis and writing assignments will challenge the

upper level high school students in new ways to truly prepare them for college level English and Literature courses.

- Students will study the APA and MLA formats for compositions, and include more complex writing mechanics in their assignments.
- Students must show near-mastery of the TWJ writing process as taught in our writing handbook; they will utilize and build upon that foundation.
- The Enrichment Project will be research based, and students will gain a firm grasp of college level research requirements.
- Students will explore additional texts beyond the novel

Other Details:

- Required materials: The Write Journey Writing Handbook and Student Workbook
- Class meets for 2 hours per week
- Class lasts for 12 weeks
- Maximum class size- 15 students
- Students will be assigned and expected to complete 6 to 7 hours of homework weekly
- At the College Prep Level, at least one semester each school year, students will be required to write a research paper for their enrichment project. The research paper will in some way be related to the novel they are studying.
- This course covers most Honors Level Course requirements. However, students, parents/guardians, and charter teachers must meet any additional Honors Course requirements according to their state standards.