

Writing for Success

ENGH025056
Credits: 0.5 units / 5 hours

Course Description

This course is a comprehensive guide to writing, concentrating on the "6 + 1 Traits" of writing. The course contains six units, each devoted to a trait—Ideas, Organization, Sentence Fluency, Word Choice, Voice, and Convention. The optional trait of Presentation is also discussed. Students take objective assessments to measure their knowledge of the Six Traits and apply these skills in written projects. The course includes non-graded writing assignments that help students build the graded projects.

Course Objectives

When you have completed this course, you should be able to:

1. Use different prewriting strategies effectively.
2. Narrow a broad topic and form a thesis.
3. Support a thesis statement in an essay.
4. Write effective paragraphs and topic sentences.
5. Develop a title, introduction, body, and conclusion for a paper.
6. Organize different kinds of paragraphs.
7. Understand sentence structure.
8. Use a variety of sentences in your writing.
9. Distinguish between different types of writing.
10. Revise essays effectively.
11. Select appropriate words when you are writing.
12. Create impressions with description.
13. Show voice in your writing.
14. Write successful papers for different audiences.
15. Use proper spelling, punctuation, and grammar in your writing.
16. Cite sources correctly in a paper.
17. Apply effective layout and formatting to your papers.

Course Outline

Unit 1: Ideas

Lesson 1: Prewriting and Thesis

Lesson 2: Proving Thesis Statements

Lesson 3: Building Your Essay

Unit 2: Organization

Lesson 4: Overall Essay Sequence

Lesson 5: Paragraph Division

Unit 3: Sentence Fluency

Lesson 6: Sentence Structure and Fluency

Lesson 7: Narrative and Revision

Unit 4: Word Choice

Lesson 8: Specificity of Words

Lesson 9: Consideration of Audience and Word Choice

Unit 5: Voice

Lesson 10: Description

Lesson 11: How is Voice Shown?

Unit 6: Convention

Lesson 12: Spelling and Punctuation

Lesson 13: Grammar

Lesson 14: Conventions and Presentation

Required Textbook

(available through Follett virtual bookstore at <http://highschool.nebraska.bkstr.com>)

Textbook: *Get Writing: Paragraphs and Essays*. 3rd ed. (ISBN: 9781111827212)