

# Writing Class Syllabus

To receive an “A”, you need to complete the following assignments at a satisfactory level:

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Organize your thoughts (prewrite) and write a strong five-paragraph essay in 70 minutes or less.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Write Interesting Introductions on a regular basis.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Mastery of the following writing genres.
- A. Persuasive Essay
  - B. Narrative
  - C. Cause and Effect
  - D. Problem / Solution
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Essays must include many writing tricks.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Completed Writing Portfolio. Place the final drafts of your four (4) essays in your portfolio. Also, include your test. Make a table of contents and a nice cover.

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## Four Genres Study Guide

### I. Persuasive Essay

Happy Face

Sad Face

①.

②.

3.

1.

②.

3.

Note: Passion is very important in a persuasive essay.

Practice: A. Complete 3 Prewriting Outlines    B. Write (at least) one essay.    C. Take the test

### II. Narrative

3 Main Ideas

1. Beginning

2. Middle

3. End

Notes:

1. Add S-N-T and Writing Tricks

2. The reader should be able to paint a picture in his/her mind as he/she reads your story.

3.

Practice: A. Complete 3 Prewriting Outlines    B. Write (at least) one story.    C. Take the test

### III. Cause and Effect

3 Main Ideas

1. Explain an important event.

2. What caused the event?

3. What are the Effects of the event.

*Practice:*

*A. Complete 5 Prewriting Outlines*

*B. Write (at least) one story.*

*C. Take the test*

### IV. Problem / Solution

Introduction Paragraph: Explain the problem and why a solution is needed.

3 Main Ideas

1. Step 1 in solving the problem.

2. Step 2 in solving the problem.

3. Step 3 in solving the problem.

*Practice:*

*A. Complete 5 Prewriting Outlines*

*B. Write (at least) one story.*

*C. Take the test*

Conclusion: Review the problem and explain the benefits of the solution.

## Writing Portfolio Topics

Directions: Prewrite all of the topics below for a five paragraph essay. Select one topic from each section to write the five paragraph essay.

### **Persuasive Essay**

1. A Much Needed Change at Our School
2. Why Your Parents Should Buy You a \_\_\_\_\_
3. Letter to the President of the United States

### **Narrative**

1. Your Most Embarrassing Moment
2. Write an original story based on your favorite story character.  
Example: You can write a story featuring Batman, but the plot cannot be copied from a movie, cartoon, or comic book.
3. A Scary Story

### **Cause and Effect**

1. The Best Thing That Has Ever Happened to You!
2. A Big Change That Has Happened (to You or Someone You Know).
3. A Disagreement or Argument You Have Had with Someone That Has Had Consequences (Good or Bad).

### **Problem-Solution**

1. If you had one wish, what “world problem” would you choose to solve? How could you help make that wish come true?
2. How To Deal with a Bully!
3. Many children today are in poor health (out of shape). How can we fix this problem?