

Composition / English (9-12):**Grade: 9 – 12** (8th grade by permission of instructor)**Course Description**

The purpose of this two-part course is to teach students the formal essay structure and use it in developing their ideas in a clear and coherent composition.

Composition is composed of two 10-week courses, one offered in the fall semester and one offered in the spring semester.

- In the first 10-week course, ***Introduction to Essay I***, students will learn the formal essay structure, practice it, and then will write 2 essays. Students will learn how to brainstorm to generate ideas for their topic. They will learn how to develop a thesis and will learn how to develop support paragraphs to prove their thesis. Students will also learn how to develop and use an outline.
- In the second 10-week class, ***Essay II***, students will practice the essays skills learned in ***Introduction to Essay I***. Students will learn some various ways to develop good solid support. They students will write different types of essays; some possible types are process, example, compare and contrast, and cause and effect. They will also be write in-class timed essays.

Class Information:

Who: Open to all high school students, 9-12 grades; Open to 8th grade students by teacher permission.

When: Fall classes run from September-December. Fall class tentative dates are Sept 21- December 6, which includes a 1-week ‘Grammy’ break.

- Winter/Spring classes run from mid-January –April. Exact dates TBD.
- All classes will be on Wednesday

Time: Wednesday 9:00am -10:30a.
An additional set of classes may be added depending on enrollment. IF this occurs the additional classes and will begin at 2:00pm.

Where: All classes will be held at the Kendall residence in Canyon Country.

Cost: \$150 per 10-week class. Payment is due the first day of class.
Payment plans are available.

The two ten-week courses, ***Introduction to Essay I*** and ***Essay II*** can be combined to equal an elective, one-semester, 5-unit “Composition” course. A final course grade will be submitted to APS only in June.

OR

Introduction to Essay I and ***Essay II*** can be included as part of a two-semester, 10-unit English course (i.e. English-9, English-10...) that uses a standard English curriculum to teach core concepts of English grammar, spelling, parts of speech, etc. Parents will select the English curriculum.

The “English Grammar” component will be taken entirely at home, with the parent being fully responsible for teaching the content and grading the student’s work. The ***Introduction to Essay I*** and ***Essay II*** components will be taught by the instructor (Laurie Kendall) with homework overseen by the parent. A grade will be issued for ***Introduction to Essay I*** and ***Essay II*** by instructor Laurie Kendall.

The Composition / Essay portion of this course is ONE of the two components required for English 9 - 12. The Composition / Essay grade for the course will equal 50% of your student’s overall grade. The “English Grammar” grade will equal 50% of your student’s overall grade. When combined, the two parts equal the overall student grade for English 9 - 12. Semester grades are submitted to APS as usual.

All APS 9th - 12th grade students enrolled in ***Introduction to Essay I*** and ***Essay II*** as part of a full English course, are expected to complete the “English Grammar” component at home as well as all Essay assignments assigned in ***Introduction to Essay I*** and ***Essay II***.

When the English Grammar component is added to this Composition / Essay component the combined instruction satisfies the high school English requirement for the student at their grade level (grade 9 - 12).

Instructor: Laurie Kendall

Mrs. Kendall has been teaching essay writing classes for about 20 years. Her desire is to teach children to write and be prepared for writing college essays. She recently retired from CCS, a robust home school program that she helped administer for over 20 years. She taught 5 years in elementary school and homeschooled both her children. She enjoys visiting her 7 grandchildren and teaching classes to high school students. She loves the Lord and desires to encourage others to know Him more. She attends Placerita Bible Church.

To sign up for ***Introduction to Essay I*** and ***Essay II*** or for more information call Laurie Kendall at 661 252-9102 or e-mail her at mrskendallswriting@gmail.com.