

Write On! Writing Essays the Right Way **at KAT**

An in-depth course on writing a variety of essays

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For whom?

This class is geared toward 9th – 12th grade students who need solid instruction on how to write a variety of essays.

What is it?

This course will explore many major types of essays, including: narrative (tells a story), descriptive (describes something/someone), comparison/contrast (compares and contrasts two items, ideas, or people), argumentative research (with the goal to sway the reader to accept the writer's point of view), traditional research paper (exploring both MLA and APA formats), and timed writing (writing a response with only a certain amount of time to complete, which will be great preparation for college entrance exams as well as college courses). Kristen will take students through the entire writing process, focusing specifically on the type of essay at hand. Students will learn how to brainstorm, find research, take notes in an organized fashion, write an outline, edit one's own work, edit other people's work, and complete a final draft.

How will this help my youngster?

Since Kristen has taught in the public school system and maintains close relationships with many current public and private school teachers, she knows the current standards, curriculum, and material that students of this age need to know and understand to successfully move onto the high school grades and then to college. Since she has taught a writing class at KAT since 2006, she recognizes the areas where she needs to focus her teaching for this home school program.

As students progress in high school and toward college, they need to know how to write concise, thoughtful essays that are structured appropriately. This class will offer the tools necessary to become successful writers.

How much is this going to cost me?

\$450 per student for the entire year. Half (\$225) is due at the week before classes begin in September. The other half is due at the beginning of the second semester in January.

Length

This class is a one year program, following the KAT's schedule.

Materials

Students will need paper and writing utensils. Home computers are appropriate, but not required, for out of class work.

Registration

Students must be registered prior to the start of class in the fall.

Absence/Cancellation Policy

If a student misses class, it is his/her responsibility to see Kristen for make-up work and class material. A very effective and easy way to stay caught up before a planned absence or after an unplanned absence is to email Kristen (kristenscranton@gmail.com) so that the student can get notes, handouts, and assignments. If class is cancelled due to weather or illness on Kristen's part, material will be made up within the next few classes.

Drop Policy

If a student needs to drop class (during the first four weeks of class), tuition will be refunded on a pro-rated basis for the number of classes we have left, less a small amount for the church building fee. **NO refund will be given after week four.**

Does this tutor know her stuff?

Most recently, Kristen Scranton taught this grammar course, an advanced writing course, and an essay writing course at KAT during the school years between 2006 and 2023. Prior to that, she worked as an eighth grade language arts teacher at Mattawan Middle School for three years before having her son and choosing to stay home. She earned her Bachelor's of Science degree with a major in Elementary Education and minors in English, Math, and Science from Western Michigan University in 2002. She earned her Masters degree in the Art of Teaching from Marygrove College in 2005. She has served on various English/Language Arts committees at Mattawan Schools that integrated curriculums between grades six through twelve. She has worked with over 1,000 public school and homeschooled students who have had a variety of needs, from special education, dyslexic, emotionally impaired, and autistic students to those honor students who needed challenging to keep them interested.

Kristen is a Christian woman, wife and mother. She is a member of Calvary Bible Church and has worshipped there for over 20 years. Even in the public school setting, she wasn't silent about sharing her faith and encouraging others to do so, too. She continues to be very involved at her church where she has served as a wedding coordinator, Sunday school teacher, plays on the co-ed volleyball team, and currently helps in the high school ministry.

Kristen has a passion for kids, teaching and the Lord. She has coached various athletic teams over the years, led groups at Vacation Bible School, led the student council at KAT, and currently leads a high school small group at her church. Although staying home with her four children is the greatest job to have, she missed being in a classroom and igniting students' minds. Therefore, she counts KAT as a blessing and honor of which to be a part.

Please contact Kristen anytime with questions about classes and guidance on English classes!

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