

Middle School Writing Composition 2018-2019

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Course Description:

This course introduces students to the writing style developed by the Institute for Excellence in Writing. Students will learn to take notes, outline passages, summarize narrative stories, research reports, and write a formal essay. This course focuses on mastering the organization of good writing, and teaches stylistic techniques that will provide a solid foundation for exceptional performance in higher grades. Grammar and vocabulary will be addressed as it relates to composition. Students are expected to create and maintain a writing portfolio.

Special Note to Parents:

This is a writing course. Parent participation is **vital** and required. You will be your students' editor, and assist your student in completing their assignments.

Materials:

Medieval History-Based Writing Lessons Fourth Edition Student Edition at the following link <http://iew.com/shop/products/medieval-history-based-writing-lessons-student-book-only> and print out the complimentary copy of the Student Resource Notebook (110 pages) from the Institute of Excellence in Writing (IEW.com), notebook paper, three-ring binder, dividers (5), pen, highlighter, and \$10 copy fee payable to Kathy Williams.

Course requirements:

- Complete ALL writing and research assignments
- Develop and maintain a writing notebook according to instructions
- Participate in class discussion and small group interaction
- Prepare reports to present in class

Incomplete/Late Assignments:

Students are expected to attend class with all completed assignments. Please let me know prior of any planned absences. Consistent tardiness will affect a student's quarterly grades. Late assignments will generally be penalized a full letter grade. Excessively late assignments may receive steeper penalties.