

Writing for Muggles

WED 9:15-10:30 AM--32 weeks Mrs. Ryder \$495

Writing for Muggles is a creative and fast-paced grammar and composition course for 7th-9th graders (ages 12-15) who enjoy *The Harry Potter Series* by J. K. Rowling. We use this series as a source text for grammar instruction, the basics of sentence crafting, Latin roots, and various types of writing. Because this class meets only once a week, students should be highly motivated and successful at self-pacing.

Texts:

1. The FULL *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling
2. *Grammar for Middle School* workbook by Don & Jenny Killgallon (Workbook **MUST** be consumable and will be written in.)

Grammar Prerequisites:

Students **MUST** demonstrate proficiency on a 4th-6th grade Grammar test.

Homework:

Students can expect an average of 3-4 hours of homework per week. Weeks with major assignments may require slightly more.

Composition Exercises:

1. Hogwarts's Letters and Emails (HP & Sorcerer's Stone)
2. Tom's Diary: Personal **Narrative** (HP & Chamber of Secrets)
3. Save Hagrid **Persuasion** (HP & Prisoner of Azkaban)
4. **Description**: Sports & Events (HP & Goblet of Fire)
5. Daily Prophet Article & **Argumentation** (HP & Order of the Phoenix)
6. Fan Fiction (HP & the Half-Blood Prince)
7. **Literary Analysis Essay** (HP & the Deathly Hallows)

Credit:

With literature supplementation, this course is equivalent to one high school English credit.

Without supplementation, this course is equivalent to 8th grade English.

Essay Writing & Grammar

Mrs. Katrina Ryder

M & W 10:30-11:45 AM

Essay Writing & Grammar is designed to introduce students to sentence combining and paragraph writing, eventually moving into a study of the 5 paragraph essay format. By focusing a full class block of grammar and mechanics on Mondays, followed by a full class block on essay writing and composition, students learn to implement their grammar skills rather than simple learning them in an isolated skill and drill format.

Grammar Text:

1. Online text *Grammar for Middle School* by Killgallon
2. *The Grammar Revolution* workbook by Elizabeth O'Brien

Essay Writing Materials will be administered through Google Classroom and with use of Google applications. All students will need their own personal email accounts and a Google account linked to Google Classroom. We will learn how to use all the Google applications and they will need to use them fluidly.

Homework:

Students can expect an average of 3-4 hours of homework per week. Weeks with papers final drafts may require slightly more time, depending on the student's writing pace.

Grammar Prerequisites & Exemption:

Students **MUST** demonstrate proficiency on a 4th-6th grade Grammar test to take this course. *Students interested in EXEMPTING Grammar to take Essay Writing ONLY for \$495, must demonstrate proficiency on a 7th-8th grade Grammar test.*

Literature Component:

The Essay Writing portion of the class will involve reading two novels, *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton and *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. We may also read samples essays and short stories that students will respond to in written responses.

Credit:

With some literature supplementation, this course is equivalent to one high school English credit. Without supplementation, this course is equivalent to 8th grade English.

	Grammar	Essay Writing
Week 1&2	Intro to Google Classroom	Editing, Formatting, and Online Submission
Week 3	Subjects	Emails, Letters, and texts
Week 4	Verbs	Everyday Writing
Week 5	Imperative Sentences	Topic Sentences
Week 6	Opening & Delayed Adjectives/ Modifiers	Examples
Week 7	Opening & Delayed Adverbs/ Modifiers	Thesis Statement
Week 8	Phrases as Modifiers	Personal Narrative: Ideas Topic Sentences
Week 9	Prepositional Phrases	Personal Narrative: Organization
Week 10	Coordinating Conjunctions	Personal Narrative: Style
Week 11	Correlative Conjunctions	Descriptive Writing: Ideas
Week 12	Intransitive complete verbs	Descriptive Writing: Organization
Week 13	Transitive Active verbs	Descriptive Writing: Style
Week 14	Direct & Indirect Objects	Expository Writing: Ideas
Week 15	Interjections	Expository Writing: Organization
Week 16	Nouns of Direct Address	Expository Writing: Style
Week 17	Appositive Phrases	Persuasion: Ideas
Week 18	Transitive Passive Verbs	Persuasion: Organization
Week 19	Noun Pronoun Jobs	Persuasion: Style
Week 20	Absolute Phrases	Argumentation: Ideas
Week 21	Verbal Phrases	Argumentation: Ideas
Week 22	Gerund Phrases	Argumentation: Organization
Week 23	Participial Phrases	Argumentation: Organization
Week 24	Infinitive Phrases	Argumentation:Style
Week 25	Clauses	Argumentation:Style
Week 26	Subordination	Literary Analysis: Ideas
Week 27	Adverb Clauses	Literary Analysis: Ideas
Week 28	Adjective Clauses	Literary Analysis: Organization
Week 29	Mechanics	Literary Analysis: Organization
Week 30	Mechanics	Literary Analysis: Style
Week 31	Mechanics	Literary Analysis: Style
Week 32	Final Exam	Final Essay Due

