



PIONEERS Co-Op

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Overview of ADVANCED WRITING & COMPOSITION (Grades 11-12)

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Required Texts:

- **The Little Prince** (Antoine de Saint-Exupéry) – 1st semester
- **The Screwtape Letters** (C.S. Lewis) – 1st semester
- **Hamlet** (William Shakespeare) – 1st semester
- **Le Miserables** (Victor Hugo – High School Edition Abridged by Matt Larsen); ISBN 13-9781549764745 specific version required -2nd semester
- **Lord of the Flies** (William Golding) – 2nd semester
- **Animal Farm** (George Orwell) – 2nd semester
- **Writing and Rhetoric Book 9 Description and Impersonation – Student Book**, by Paul Kortepeter, Classical Academic Press – 1st semester
- **Writing and Rhetoric Book 10 Thesis Part 1 – Student Book**, by Paul Kortepeter, Classical Academic Press -2nd semester

Topics Included in Course:

- Understand literary themes, symbolism, point of view, conflict, imagery, allusion and rhetorical devices.
- Use of Classic Literature and Historical Reading Selections to discuss and write about themes of culture, sin, forgiveness, love, justice, personal and governmental responsibility, and equality and their relevance to the lives we lead as Christians.
- Develop usage of rhetorical devices (repetition, parallelism, hyperbole, juxtaposition, etc.) in writing.
- Research writing skills (MLA documentation, annotation, summarization, paraphrase, complex thesis statements, outlines, argument and counterargument, and sentence, paragraph and essay structure.
- Write well-crafted persuasive thesis essays with narrative, descriptive, expository, and comparative elements.
- Effectively presenting material with the use of technology
- ACT/SAT vocabulary skills (Greek and Latin roots)
- Essay Test Taking skills

Students can expect to spend an average of 1 1/2 hours a day on homework.

Supplies:

- Large 3-ring binder with Dividers
- Pens (blue or black AND red ink)
- Access to a dictionary and thesaurus and to a library and computer for extensive research
- A computer, laptop, or tablet with internet access and ability to access Microsoft Teams through Pioneers.

Student Evaluation: Students will receive a percentage grade each semester based upon the following:

Assignments:	30%
Tests & Exams:	20%
Essays :	30%
Participation:	20%

Grading Scale

90-100%	=A
80-89%	=B
70-79%	=C
60-69%	=D
Less than 60%	=E

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