Course Outline for:

Writing Tutorials (online)

Grade Levels: 9 - 12

Assignments: 9 lessons   **Credits:**   5

Course Materials: all online

UC a-g Requirements: none

Course Description:

Writing Tutorials offers students instruction on the process of writing as a craft and as a skill. Students learn how to write a comprehensive and well formed essay, and about how the parts of the essay work together to form a persuasive whole. The course also offers students a chance to read and analyze a variety of professional essays and writing samples. Students will exit this course with the ability to cite sources in their writing and put together persuasive and accurate essays.

Learning Objectives:

- Students learn how to effectively pre-write and brainstorm
- Students learn about various forms of outlines to guide their essay writing and development
- Students understand the form and parts of essays and their mutual relationships and purposes, and demonstrate their understanding by writing their own essays
- Students read and write various kinds of essays, including comparison-contrast, persuasive, eyewitness account, critical review, reflective, interpretive, and research based essays, as well as narrative prose
- Students learn how to properly cite sources and to avoid plagiarism
- Students use grading rubrics and proofreading guides to evaluate and revise their own writing
- Students read a variety of professional and published sample essays which illustrate the principle points of each lesson

Course Outline:

Lesson 1: Introduction
       A) General proofreading guide - pre-writing & brainstorming
       B) Outlines - thesis development