



**Ephrata High School
Course Syllabus
Advanced Composition
1210**



I. Course Description

Developing individual writing styles is one of the goals of Advanced Composition. Individualized study of language conventions is an integral part of the course. Writing assignments may include critical analyses, forceful arguments, effective persuasions, and clear explanations. Additionally, students will experiment with various writing techniques designed to broaden the power of their message. Collecting, evaluating, and organizing evidence will be stressed in this high-level writing course.

II. Materials & Equipment

Think Bank (journal)
Excerpts from writers' about writing
Short stories: "Burnt Toast," "Harrison Bergeron"
Novel: Anthem
Various readings: "I Have a Dream," "Men Are Like Shoes"

III. Course Goals & Objectives

To hone skills as a writer

IV. Course Topics

1. Think Bank
2. Autobiography
3. Revision
4. Audience/Showing not Telling
5. Transitions/Organization
6. Grammar
7. Definition
8. Repetition for Effect/Persuasion
9. Plagiarism
10. Attribution Verbs
11. Literary Analysis and Research
12. Literary Criticism/Organization
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14. Grammar
15. Introductions and Conclusions
16. Cause and Effect
17. Extended Metaphor
18. Compare and Contrast
19. Arguments

V. Assignments & Grading

Think, Read, Write, Listen, Speak
Compositions, impromptus, journaling, speeches
Vocabulary and grammar work