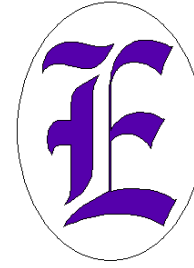




**Ephrata High School
Course Syllabus
Introduction to Composition
1030**



I. Course Description

Introduction to Composition is a course in which students will learn how to develop clear, coherent essays. Students will learn how to select details to support a topic sentences and how to write better conclusions. Topics will be drawn from fiction, non-fiction, and film. Students will become aware of the necessity of choosing the right word, of using transitional devices, and of proofreading what they have written. Literature will be studied in order to reinforce and model effective writing.

II. Materials & Equipment

Texts:

Ready to Use English Activities

Daybook of Critical Reading and Writing

Vocabulary and Composition Through Pleasurable Reading III

The Chocolate War

Daily Oral Language

III. Course Goals & Objectives

Write a clear, grammatically correct, well-explained paragraph with 2-3 details

Identify literary elements and apply them in their writing

Identify grammatical rules and apply them in their writing

Improve reading comprehension

Write a 3 paragraph essay with strong introduction and conclusion

Write a 5 paragraph essay with strong introduction and conclusion using transition words

IV. Course Topics (Summary Outline)

1. Review Literary Terms
2. Review Literature Terms
3. Review Methods of Sentence Combining
4. Reading Strategies
5. Learning Styles
6. The Paragraph
7. The 3 Paragraph Essay
8. The 5 Paragraph Essay
9. Informational Writing
10. Persuasive Writing

V. Assignments & Grading

Daily Oral Language practice and tests

Daily journal writing and weekly graded writing (application of all skills)

Reading the class novel and/or Reading for Growth

Miscellaneous writing activities

Miscellaneous reading activities

Grades:

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| A | 93-100 | A- | 90-92 | B- | 80-82 |
| B+ | 88-89 | B | 83-87 | C- | 70-72 |
| C+ | 78-79 | C | 73-77 | D- | 60-62 |
| D+ | 68-69 | D | 63-67 | | |
| F | 0-59 | | | | |