

Advanced Writing! at KAT

An in-depth course on writing with the goal to prepare students for future writing endeavors

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For whom?

High school students who have successfully completed the first writing class ("Write On Essay Writing" class) or those students who show that they are ready to take this advanced class and HAVE PERMISSION FROM MRS. SCRANTON.

What is it?

This class is designed to help students become even better writers while preparing them for college writing. Kristen will take students through the entire writing process, focusing specifically on the type of essay at hand. Kristen will take students from where they are and then teach them to create pieces of argumentation, analysis and synthesis (three important skills for college and the various exams and scholarship competitions). Students will learn how to brainstorm, find research, take notes in an organized fashion, write an outline, edit one's own work, edit other people's work, complete a final draft, and write clear, concise pieces under the pressure of a timed write.

Kristen has hired a former student who has an English degree from Liberty University to help her with the crux of editing papers on the initial turn-in. He is one of Kristen's most accomplished former writing students and has lots of professional editing experience. She has trained him to edit as she does and feels confident in his skills. Kristen will always look over the papers and do all of the redo grading herself.

How will this help my youngster?

Since Kristen has taught in the public school system and maintains close relationships with many current public and private school teachers, she knows the current standards, curriculum, and material that students of this age need to know and understand to successfully move onto the high school grades and then to college. Since she has taught a writing class at KAT since 2006, she recognizes the areas where she needs to focus her teaching for this home school program.

As students progress through high school and toward college, they need to know how to write concise, thoughtful essays that are structured appropriately. This class will offer the tools necessary to become successful writers in college and beyond!

How much is this going to cost me?

\$450 per student for the entire year:

- \$50 deposit is due at registration to secure a spot in the class
- \$175 is due on or before the first day of class in September
- \$225 is due at the beginning of the second semester in January

Length

This class is a one year program, following the KAT's schedule.

Materials

Students will need paper and writing utensils. Home computers are appropriate, but not required, for out of class work.

Drop Policy

If a student needs to drop class (within the first four classes), tuition will be refunded on a pro-rated basis for the number of classes we have left, less a small amount for the church building fee. **NO refund will be given after class four.**

Absence/Cancellation Policy

If a student misses class, it is his/her responsibility to see Kristen for make-up work and class material. A very effective and easy way to stay caught up before a planned absence or after an unplanned absence is to email Kristen (kristenscranton@gmail.com) so that the student can get notes, handouts, and assignments. If class is cancelled due to weather or illness on Kristen's part, material will be made up within the next few classes.

Who is Kristen Scranton?

Kristen has taught grammar and writing at KAT since 2006. Prior to teaching at KAT, she taught at Mattawan Schools. She earned her Bachelor's of Science degree with a major in Elementary Education and minors in English, Math, and Science from Western Michigan University in 2002, and she earned her Masters degree in the Art of Teaching from Marygrove College in 2005.

Kristen is wife to David and mom to four kids. She is a long-time member of Calvary Bible Church where has served in various ways over the years: nursery, VBS, wedding coordinating, high school ministry, and a young families' life group. She loves spending time with her family and friends, playing volleyball, coaching, reading, and traveling. Teaching and engaging with young people are her passions, and KAT is a huge blessing to her and her family.

Please contact Kristen anytime with questions about classes and guidance on English classes!

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