Teaching Writing in Middle and High School
Course Syllabus

Course Description

This course will cover the most common writing units in middle and high school, including creative, instructional, literary analysis, persuasive, and research writing. You will be introduced to methods and resources for each type of writing, as well as given resources to utilize in your classroom. The focus of each module will be the writing process, resources, and practice. The course ends with lessons on commonly used formats for writing papers in middle and high school.

This course enhances classroom teaching effectiveness and supports improved student outcomes by introducing new knowledge in writing instruction across multiple genres, including creative, instructional, literary analysis, persuasive, and research writing.

Course Objectives
At the end of this course you should be able to:

1. Identify strategies for teaching creative writing in middle and high school.
2. Develop strategies and identify resources for teaching instructional writing.
3. Identify methods of teaching literary analysis in the middle and upper grades.
4. Develop a plan and identify resources for teaching persuasive/ argumentative writing.
5. Identify different methods for teaching research writing.
6. Identify the main components of MLA, Chicago, and APA formats.

Modules
- Module 1: Teaching Creative Writing, Quiz 1
- Module 2: Teaching Instructional Writing, Quiz 2
- Module 3: Teaching Literary Analysis, Quiz 3
- Module 4: Teaching Persuasive Writing, Quiz 4
- Module 5: Teaching Research Writing, Quiz 5
- Module 6: Different Formats for Writing, Quiz 6

Grading
Each quiz must be passed at an 80% or higher (three attempts allowed).

Format
This is a self-paced, asynchronous (no required live meetings) course. Throughout the PD course, you will find it helpful to take notes along the way to assist with the quizzes. Within each module, you will find reflection assessments that are not graded but will help in your journey through the course. There is an interactive forum in the course to help you connect with peers

and instructors, share ideas, and collaborate on best practices throughout your learning journey.