

Salt Lake Arts Academy
5/6th Writer's Workshop
2010-2011
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Overview:

The Salt Lake Arts Academy has high writing expectations. Students will gain and understand that learning to write is an on going process. We will learn that writing is a process of thinking and rethinking, writing and revising. The Writer's Workshop class will also focus on the following reading and reading related skills; oral expression, listening comprehension, written expression, including sentence fluency, organization, voice and word choice, reading fluency, reading comprehension, and basic reading skills. These skills will be connected to the thematic units of the Humanities classes.

Term One

Specific vocabulary study, sentence structure, different kinds of sentences, combining sentences, word order and meaning, spelling and cursive writing. Weekly reading for comprehension and reading fluency that relates to Humanities theme world religions. Weekly writing responses to reading selections.

Term Two

The writing process, writing drafts, revising. studying good paragraphs, writing good topic sentences. study of different kinds of paragraphs, narrative, descriptive, explanatory. Reading selections for comprehension and reading fluency that relates to Middle Ages and Feudalism. Weekly writing responses to reading selections.

Term Three

Developing paragraphs, using detail, using examples, writing narrative, descriptive, and explanatory paragraphs using the editing process. Reading selections for comprehension and reading fluency that relates to Humanities themes Reformation. Weekly writing responses to reading selections.

Term Four

Writing Compositions; finding a subject, planning the composition, organizing the ideas writing the first draft and revising. writing narrative, descriptive and explanatory compositions. Reading for comprehension and reading fluency that relates to the humanities theme of exploration and revolution.

Reading

Our reading titles will include high interest, low-level books that correlate with the Humanities themes each quarter. These books include, but are not limited to: Greek Mythology, Perfection Learning Corporation series and other teacher sources related to Humanities thematic units.

Grading

Six traits of Writing Rubric will be used for grading. Quarterly mastery Tests, Salt Lake Arts Academy Standards of Excellence and policies set forth in our student handbook. for PEPR and CAB