

High School Essay Intensive (IEW) — Spring 2021
Westfield Washington Public Library
(with distance-learning backup)
Grades 10-12 / Thursdays 11:30am-1pm / 18 weeks (Spring)

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CALENDAR

Spring-semester class / three 6-week sessions / no mid-semester enrollment

- Session 1: Week of January 4 – week of February 8
- Session 2: Week of February 15 – week of April 5 (*minus two weeks for spring break — dates TBA*)
- Session 3: Week of April 12 – week of May 17

CLASS SPECIFICS

Course prepared with distance-learning backup via Zoom

- *This is a graded class and counts as 1 credit toward high school graduation requirements.*
- 90-minute lessons for 18 weeks (three 6-week sessions)
- Minimum 4 students; maximum 8 students (waiting list maintained if needed)
- No prerequisites; previous IEW experience strongly advised
- Concurrent or previous enrollment in an Analytical Grammar class strongly advised
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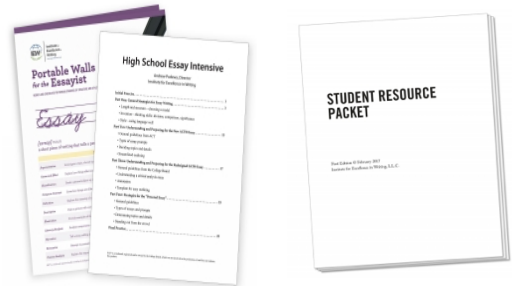
REGISTRATION & CLASS FEES

\$117 per 6-week session

- One-time non-refundable \$15 supplies/services fee due upon enrollment (\$5 discount for enrollment and first payment by 12/1/20)
- Register online through WWPL children's department.
- *Enrollment in any session is not complete until paid in full.* You may pay this instructor directly by check or via PayPal or Venmo. Direct any payment questions to the instructor.
- Each session payment is due 1 week before the session begins. Payments made after first day of class (any session) are subject to a \$10 late fee *per week*.

REQUIRED MATERIALS/ACCESS

- Required purchases — please obtain before the first day of class
 - *HSEI student handouts*, includes Portable Walls for the Essayist (\$10; available at www.iew.com/shop/products/high-school-essay-intensive-student-handout-only; copies may be made for immediate family members.)
 - *IEW's Student Resource Packet* (\$15 PDF, \$19 printed; available at www.iew.com/shop/products/student-resource-packet; copies may be made for immediate family members). Note that this is **NOT** the Student Resource Notebook.
- Additional materials/access for class
 - Three-ring binder reserved solely for use with this writing class
 - 4 tabbed dividers, labeled in order as follows: Strategies, ACT Prep, SAT Prep, Personal Essay
 - Pens, pencils, highlighters, and filler paper
 - Laptop (or similar) as needed



- Additional materials/access for home
 - *Laptop or desktop* computer — edits and corrections are not entirely viewable on tablets, etc.
 - Printer and printer paper
 - Dictionary and thesaurus, or online versions of same
 - Internet access and student email address
 - MS Word or Google Docs
 - Library card

Students must have email and Internet access for the following purposes:

- Students will usually write by hand during class but will submit homework via **Google Docs** or **MS Word email** attachments.
- Follow-up information (lesson recap and assignment details) will be posted each week on **Google Classroom** or sent via **email**.
- Midweek support will be offered via **Zoom**.
- In the event of weather or health emergencies, unforeseen library closings, or teacher illness, classes will be held online (during the usual class hour or rescheduled as necessary) via **Zoom**.
- In the event of student absences, with forewarning I may be able to video-record specific lessons. Recordings will be accessible via **Google Classroom**.
- I will provide detailed instructions for each of the above as needed.

Class summary.

The High School Essay Intensive is a combination DVD seminar (led by Mr. Andrew Pudewa, IEW's founder) and teacher-led class. The lessons provide hands-on, practical experience in high school essay writing, including text analysis, response-to-literature prompts, and the personal essay for college/university applications. The content also addresses the new ACT® and redesigned SAT®, offering tools and tips for student success in the timed essay portions of those tests.

This course is divided into four sections:

1. General principles of essay composition: Coming up with, organizing, and presenting ideas in effective ways; can be applied to multiple writing tasks in high school and post-secondary experiences
2. Essay for the ACT (also helpful for AP exams)
3. Essay for the SAT (also helpful for AP exams)
4. Personal essay: writing geared toward college and scholarship applications

Although is not necessary for the student to have IEW Style and Structure experience to enroll in this course, a familiarity with IEW and its concepts and methods will be beneficial. If needed, ask to borrow a copy "Style and Structure Overview" DVD from the instructor to prepare for the class.

The High School Essay Intensive class for grades 10+ features the following:

- You may expect 3-5 hours of homework each week.
- *Students will learn and be held accountable for MLA formatting and citation as necessary.*

This HSEI class is best suited for students in 10th grade or higher who

- Can easily identify the basic 8 parts of speech
- Can confidently recognize and form complete sentences of varying structure, understand the rules of sentence agreement, and maintain consistency in verb tense
- Can hand-write relatively quickly for notetaking, outlining, and drafting during class
- Are preparing for post-secondary education

Teacher information. Mrs. Daryl Kessler has a background in English and publishing, and now enjoys helping students express themselves in writing with clarity and individuality. For the past twelve years she has taught a variety of homeschool language arts classes, including composition, creative writing, and grammar. She has had the pleasure of offering classes through WWPL since 2014.