

Academic Writing & STAR Prep (Ages 6-14)

Narrative Writing

Tackle that STAR test with confidence! **Narrative Writing**, the first course in our ongoing Academic Writing and STAR Prep Series, is specifically designed to prepare students for the STAR test while strengthening their writing skills. In this course, students:

- Learn how to differentiate between narrative and other types of writing.
- Practice narrative writing in such styles as the personal narrative, the letter, and the short story.
- Discover the importance of prewriting, revision, and editing.
- Focus on six writing skills: organization, voice, content, clarity, sentence fluency, and grammar/mechanics.
- Improve use of correct grammar.
- Learn about different modes of publication.

Response to Literature

Tackle that STAR test with confidence! **Response to Literature** is specifically designed to prepare students for the STAR test by strengthening their writing skills. Students learn how to respond to readings clearly, concisely, and coherently as they practice supporting a central idea with strong examples and details. They focus on six skills: organization, voice, content, clarity, sentence fluency, and grammar/mechanics. The curriculum features directed writing strategies, examples from past STAR tests, and a strong grammar component. Experienced educators, detailed feedback.

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Expository Writing

Tackle that STAR test with confidence! **Expository Writing**, the third course in our ongoing Academic Writing and STAR Prep Series, is specifically designed to prepare students for the STAR test while strengthening their writing skills. In this course, students:

- Learn how to differentiate between expository and other types of writing.
- Practice summary writing and expository writing for tests.
- Discover the importance of prewriting, revision, and editing.
- Focus on six writing skills: organization, voice, content, clarity, sentence fluency, and grammar/mechanics.
- Improve use of correct grammar.
- Learn about different modes of publication.

Journalism

Maintain the gains your child made during the school year! **Journalism**, the final course in our ongoing Academic and Creative Writing Series, allows students to explore the writing process while exercising their creativity and developing essential skills for the STAR test. As they work together to create their very own newspaper, students:

- Practice four types of writing: descriptive, expository, narrative, and persuasive.
- Strengthen writing through continuous practice and revision.
- Become better editors.
- Learn the importance of writing responsibly.
- Read and think critically about a variety of interesting articles.
- Exercise teamwork skills by collaborating to produce a final product.

Students have a great time working with their own newspaper “staff” and gain intensive writing practice. Don’t miss this chance to spark your child’s love of writing! Experienced educators, detailed feedback.