

## **Advanced Writing! at KAT**

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

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**Check out KAT's website: [kalamazoo-area-tutors.com](http://kalamazoo-area-tutors.com)**

### **For whom?**

This class is geared toward 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.

### **What is it?**

This class is designed to help students become even better writers while preparing them for college writing, as well as doing some prep work for the writing portions of the ACT, the AP exam (specifically, the English Language and Composition Exam), the CLEP test (specifically the College Composition Exam and the College Composition Modular Exam), and the Accuplacer exam at KVCC.

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.

### **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?**

\$400 per student for the entire year. Half (\$200) is due at the week before classes begin in September. The other half 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.

### **Registration**

Students must be registered prior to the start of class in the fall.

### **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 ([kmjoy1@yahoo.com](mailto:kmjoy1@yahoo.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.

### **Drop Policy**

If a student needs to drop class (during the first four weeks of class), 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 week four.**

### **Does this tutor know her stuff?**

Most recently, Kristen Scranton taught this course, an intense grammar course, and an essay writing course at KAT during the school years between 2006 and 2019. Prior to that, she worked as an eighth grade language arts teacher at Mattawan Middle School for three years before having her son and choosing to stay home. 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. She earned her Masters degree in the Art of Teaching from Marygrove College in 2005. She has served on various English/Language Arts committees at Mattawan Schools that integrated curriculums between grades six through twelve. She has worked with over 1,000 public school and homeschooled students who have had a variety of needs, from special education, dyslexic, emotionally impaired, and autistic students to those honor students who needed challenging to keep them interested.

Kristen is a Christian woman, wife and mother. She is a member of Calvary Bible Church and has worshipped there for over 20 years. Even in the public school setting, she wasn't silent about sharing her faith and encouraging others to do so, too. She continues to be very involved at her church where she has served as a wedding coordinator, Sunday school teacher, plays on the co-ed volleyball team, and currently helps in the high school ministry.

Kristen has a passion for kids, teaching and the Lord. She has coached various athletic teams over the years, led groups at Vacation Bible School, and even co-taught kindergarten Sunday school with her husband. Although staying home with her four children is the greatest job to have, she missed being in a classroom and sparking students' minds. Therefore, she counts KAT as a blessing and honor of which to be a part.

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

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