

## Curriculum Content

### 1st Quarter

#### Unit 1: Writing a Summary and Response

- Identifying arguments
- Summarizing
- Forming and expressing a point of view

#### Unit 2: Writing a Descriptive Essay

- Analyzing essay organization
- Writing detailed examples as support
- Using a summary as an introduction

### 2nd Quarter

#### Unit 3: Writing a Classification Essay

- Determining an organizing principle for categorization
- Categorizing and avoiding overlapping
- Developing conclusions for classification essays

#### Unit 4: Writing an Advantages and Disadvantages Essay

- Summarizing and incorporating academic research as support
- Responding to a quote
- More on using a summary as an introduction
- Using the conclusion to unify an essay

### 3rd Quarter

#### Unit 5: Writing a Cause and Effect Essay

- Developing different types of support
- Writing up research studies
- Showing cause and effect
- Outlining an essay

## Unit 6: Writing a Comparison and Contrast Essay

- Developing introductions
- Assessing the value of a theory

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

### Unit 7: Writing a Literary Analysis Essay

- Analyzing mood
- Summarizing a story
- Understanding plot devices
- Writing about symbols
- Integrating quotes with text
- Interpreting simile, metaphor, and personification

### Unit 8: Writing an Argumentative Essay

- Identifying Arguments
- Refuting an Argument
- Organizing an Argumentative Essay

