

Note: This course is highly recommended for those who will be taking PSEO or college in the next year or two since it prepares students for college writing.

Writing with Confidence uses the highly acclaimed and effective approach developed by the Institute for Excellence in Writing. Students gain mastery of the basic skills of writing through weekly lessons in structure and style. By practicing note-taking, writing from outlines, creative writing, essays, research reports, critiques, and other types of writing, students internalize the standard structure of such compositions so that it becomes second nature to them. In addition, they learn stylistic techniques and keep using them as the year progresses. Powerful word choices, sentence variation, and figurative language become easier for them, making their writing come alive. Since each lesson has a clear checklist of required elements of structure and style, students know exactly what they need to do to succeed on an assignment. As students move toward greater independence with their writing skills, their confidence grows and their creativity blossoms.

This course is literature-based; students read the fourth through seventh books in C.S. Lewis's Chronicles of Narnia series. Generally one to three chapters per week are assigned; novels may be read by the family for read-aloud time or by the student. Topics include those from Level 1, but material and assignments are more challenging. Additionally, this course teaches students the basics of in-text citations and bibliography/works cited pages in MLA style. Students write a five-paragraph and a six-paragraph research paper. Topics include outlining, summarizing, writing from outlines, narratives, topic sentences, research reports, stories, creative writing, essays, response to literature, writing essays from a prompt, editing, revising, grammar, stylistic techniques, and vocabulary enrichment. Students participate in games and contests, practice speaking from notes, and prepare a final portfolio.

Required materials: Purchased texts (see below), dictionary, spiral notebook, pocket folder, 3 x 5 index cards (100), 1-inch three-ring binder, pencils, pens, highlighters.

Textbooks: Order from IEW.com using the product codes shown.

- Following Narnia Vol. 2: Aslan's Country Student Book Only (Product Code: FN2-S)
- FixIt! Grammar: Little Mermaid Student Book 6 (Product Code: FIX-L6-S)