

`Writing Workshop 8
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Let's face it- as you get older, many of the first impressions you will make in the world will be through your writing. Whether it be a high stakes email you send to a potential employer for a summer job or a letter to a camp director, where you are hoping to be a camp counselor, the truth is, your writing will be the first introduction of yourselves in many situations in these upcoming years. It will take on even greater significance within these next few years as you begin to apply to summer programs, internships, and colleges. Allowing you to practice this kind of "real-world" writing, for many different types of purposes and audiences, might be one of the most important writing gifts we can give you. Writing well takes practice. It is not easy. At times, it will be messy, but together we will grow and become better writers.

Units of Study

- *Personal Narrative
- *Literature-based Essay
- * Nonfiction Research Paper
- *Test Preparation: Writing for the New York State ELA Exam
- *Argument based Essay

Grading

Quarterly grades will be based on participation, homework, writer's notebooks, and final pieces.

Rewrite Policy

Assignments with serious flaws (grades of C or below) may be revised and resubmitted. Rewrites may be brought up to a B. If you need help, please make an appointment with me for a writing conference. Rewrites are due one week from the date the original paper is returned. I encourage you to take advantage of this policy.

*The original, graded paper must be attached to the rewrite. If it is not, the paper will not be re-graded and the grade will not change.

Supplies

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| 1 Marble Notebooks (no spiral notebooks) | 1 folder with looseleaf paper |
| Post-it notes | Highlighter |