



## Course Title: Composition 1

### Description:

This course is for 9th and 10th grade students who have never done an IEW writing class or are looking to build upon the skills learned in a previous writing class. Students will learn note making and outlines, writing from notes, retelling narrative stories, summarizing a single reference and multiple references, writing from pictures, inventive writing, formal essays and critiques. Writing lessons will be taught with a focus on U.S. history themes. Some grammar will be taught within the context of writing and editing, but a separate English class (English 9/10) is recommended to complement this class. An optional literature component is available upon request.

Prerequisites: Grades 9-10

Thursdays 2:00-3:30 PM – Starting August 8; 32 weeks

Minimum 6 students required to start

### Textbook:

*U.S. History-Based Writing Lessons: Implementing the Structure and Style Writing Method*, by Lori Vestergen (Institute for Excellence in Writing)

### Teacher:

Lisa Gyergyo; Contact Bellevue Tutorial, 901-347-5518, [tutorial@bellevue.org](mailto:tutorial@bellevue.org)

### Cost:

\$395 (32 weeks)

No other fees

#### About the teacher:

A Pennsylvania native, Lisa Gyergyo and her family moved to Memphis in 2007, and they have enjoyed the warmer winters and sweet tea. Prior to moving to Memphis, she earned her degree in elementary and early childhood education and worked as a curriculum library director at a college for five years. She has homeschooled her three daughters for the past seven years and been actively involved in Classical Conversations as a tutor for various ages. She has taught multiple IEW classes over the last five years, and she loves to see students grow in their confidence and ability to write well.