



Level 2- Informational Course Overview

Course Overview:

This course is great for a student who wants to advance in informational reading and writing, and progress in a way that meets their specific learning style. Through the incorporation of text annotation, note taking, and highlighting, students will read to comprehend a variety of informational texts intended for their grade level. Scholars will practice by engaging in mini reading comprehension and writing assignments, learning the various informational text structures, and terminology associated with each.

Basic Standard for this course: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

Best for Students Who:

- Students who have a foundation in what is included as part of the informational genre for both reading and writing.
- Have a foundation for organizing and writing 5 paragraph informational essays
- Are ready to advance in applying reading strategies to comprehend the informational genre depth
- Want to learn how to differentiate informational text structures and develop expository writing pieces accordingly.

Informational Level 2 Course Outline:

of instructional, self paced videos: 18

of resources (writing plans, reference sheets, worksheets, templates etc.): 90+

Phase 1- Intro, Vocabulary Overview & Notes

PRINT ALL COURSE RESOURCES HERE

Lesson 1: Informational Overview

Lesson 2: Terms to Know & Notes

Lesson 3a: Notes Part 1

Lesson 3b: Notes Part 2

Phase 2- Analyze and Apply

Lesson 4: Cause & Effect

Lesson 5: Compare & Contrast

Lesson 6: Problem & Solution

Lesson 7: Chronological Order

Lesson 8: Descriptive Text Passages

Lesson 9 : Strategies for Differentiating Text Structures

Lesson 10a: Open Response to Informational Reading (Text Analysis)

Lesson 10b: Open Response Writing Application (with Text Evidence)

Lesson 11: Text Analysis & Writing Application

Phase 3- Practice and Grow

Lesson 12: Quick Overview of the Writing Process (Optional Lesson)

Lesson 13: Brainstorming

Lesson 14: Planning

Lesson 15: WRITE!

Lesson 16: Revise and Edit ALWAYS!

Informational Level 2 Standards Addressed:

- ✓ Describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.
- ✓ Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.
- ✓ *Compare and contrast a firsthand and secondhand account of the same event or topic; describe the differences in focus and the information provided.
- ✓ Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- ✓ Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- ✓ Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.
- ✓ Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- ✓ Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
- ✓ Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.