



6 Week Summer Kids Reflection Writing Online Session

Course Structure:

Week 1: Introduction to the Five-Paragraph Essay

- **Welcome and Introductions:** Meet fellow participants and discuss the course's goals and structure.
- **Overview of the Five-Paragraph Essay:** Introduction to the basic structure (introduction, three body paragraphs, conclusion) using kid-friendly language and examples.
- **Understanding Essay Structure:** Break down each part of the essay with visual aids and simple explanations.
- **Assignment:** Brainstorm ideas for writing a reflection

Week 2: Planning a Reflection

- **Discussion:** Share and review ideas for writing a reflection
- **Plan:** Learn how to create your own 5 paragraph plan for a reflection that can be used for multiple styles of 5 paragraph essays writing
- **Activity :** Work with support if needed on planning your first reflection
- **Share:** Your “Big Ideas” and supporting detail bullets of your reflection

Week 3: Writing a Catchy Introduction

- **Crafting an Introduction:** Teach how to write an engaging opening sentence and introduce the main idea and “Big Ideas” in one simple sentence for your reflection
- **Lesson:** The process of developing the introduction of a reflection will be modeled.
- **Activity:** Write the introduction for your first summer reflection essay, with support
- **Assignment:** Finish the introduction

Week 4: Developing the Body Paragraphs

- **Discussion:** Share and review introductory paragraphs.
- **Developing Body Paragraphs:** Explain how each body paragraph should focus on a single point (“Big Idea”) that supports the thesis/main idea of the writing piece.
- **Using Details and Examples:** Teach how to use specific details and examples to make the paragraph interesting.
- **Activity:** Write the first body paragraph about a specific aspect of their summer experience.
- **Assignment:** Complete the first body paragraph and share with the group.
- **Homework:** Complete the other body paragraphs by the next session

Week 5: Writing a Strong Conclusion

- **Discussion:** Share and review all body paragraphs.

- **Crafting a Conclusion:** Teach how to summarize the main points and restate the thesis in a new way.
- **Ending with a Closing Thought:** Explain how to leave the reader with a final interesting thought or reflection.
- **Activity:** Write the conclusion for their summer reflection essay.
- **Assignment:** Finish the conclusion and share with the group.
- **Last week's homework:** Plan and begin to write your second reflection independently. Our final session will be a place to complete this second writing assignment with support and share with the group.

Week 6: Revising, Editing, and Presenting (90 minute session)

- **Revising Techniques:** Teach simple strategies for revising to improve clarity and flow.
- **Editing for Grammar and Spelling:** Provide tips for proofreading and fixing common mistakes.
- **Final Presentation:** Each participant presents their final polished essay to the group.
- **Reflection and Closing:** Reflect on what they've learned, discuss the importance of mastering essay writing, and celebrate their hard work and progress.