

Course Overview

Number of Units: 5 Units

Estimated time: 3 - 5 weeks or 9 - 15 hours

OALCF Levels: A1.2-3, A3, B2.2-3, B4

Suggested Milestones: 3 or 4, 21, 22 or 23, 24 or 25

Course Description

In this course, you will learn to identify parts of a 5-paragraph essay. You will learn to read writing prompt instructions and understand how to answer them. You will get hands-on writing experience using strategies like brainstorming, drafting rough copies, revising and editing to create an essay with a thesis statement, introduction, body and concluding paragraphs.

Summary of activities: Lessons, Quizzes, Journals and Videos.

Unit 1: What is an Essay?

This unit introduces the parts of an essay, different types of essays, and commonly used essay terms. You will learn how to decode writing prompt instructions.

Unit 2: Brainstorming and Organizing

In this unit, you will learn about brainstorming and clustering. You will learn what a thesis statement is and how to write one. Also, you will learn how to write a strong introduction paragraph that grabs the reader's attention.

Unit 3: Body Paragraphs

An essay can have many paragraphs, the body paragraphs provide supporting details and the majority of the information to support the topic you are writing about. In this unit, you will continue to build an essay with a focus on writing good supporting body paragraphs.

Unit 4: Concluding Paragraph and Revision

In this unit, you will write a concluding paragraph for your essay. A good essay isn't written in the first draft. You will learn the importance of editing and revision and that you will have to read through your essay and edit it a few times to create a masterpiece. You will submit your revised essay that you have been building throughout the course.

Unit 5: Course Wrap Up

In this unit, you review tips to help you write an effective essay when you have a time restraint. You will complete a quiz that will allow you to check your understanding of the course material.