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Introduction to Literature & Composition Course Description

In this course, students will build upon the foundational skills acquired throughout their middle school experience. Though students will read a wide range of texts in literary genres, the primary focus of this course is to advance students' academic writing skills beyond the 5-paragraph essay. Students will be steeped in writing-related instruction, beginning with sentence and paragraph structure, and resulting in long-form analytical essays that have undergone the writing process: pre-writing, rough draft, and revision. Students will begin to master MLA formatting and other upper-level writing strategies to prepare for future Humanities courses at The Academy and beyond. Finally, students will be given a writing-related exam at the end of each semester: S1 Final: A test on sentence structure, paragraph structure, and MLA/S2 Final: A final essay without preliminary feedback.