



# Elementary Writing Topics

## Course Syllabus

### Course Description

The writing skills learned in elementary school are foundational to success in later years and adult life. What are the foundational writing skills elementary students learn, what are some engaging strategies for teaching these skills, and what are some activities to support growth of these skills? This course will answer these questions and give you a more well-rounded view of writing in elementary school. Topics to be covered include parts of speech, sentence writing, writing mechanics, the steps of the writing process, the 6+1 traits of writing, narrative writing, expository, and persuasive writing.

This course enhances classroom teaching effectiveness and supports improved student outcomes by providing educators with a clear framework and effective strategies for teaching foundational writing skills to young writers. By focusing on parts of speech, sentence structure, writing mechanics, and the writing process, alongside narrative, expository, and persuasive forms, teachers will be equipped to build students' confidence and competence in writing from the ground up.

### Course Objectives

At the end of this course you should be able to:

1. To identify the parts of speech and strategies for teaching them to young writers.
2. To identify and describe how to teach sentences to young writers.
3. To identify the mechanics of writing and strategies for teaching them to young writers.
4. To identify the steps of the writing process and strategies for teaching them to young writers.
5. To identify the traits of writing and strategies for teaching them to young writers.
6. To identify the elements or narrative writing and strategies for teaching them to young writers.
7. To identify the elements or expository writing and strategies for teaching them to young writers.
8. To identify the elements or persuasive writing and strategies for teaching them to young writers.

### Modules

- Module 1: Grammar- Parts of Speech: Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Interjections, Conjunctions, Prepositions, Quiz 1
- Module 2: Grammar- Understanding Sentences, Quiz 2
- Module 3: Grammar: Mechanics, Quiz 3



- Module 4: The Writing Process, Quiz 4
- Module 5: The 6 + 1 Traits of Writing, Quiz 5
- Module 6: Narrative Writing, Quiz 6
- Module 7: Expository Writing, Quiz 7
- Module 8: Persuasive Writing, Quiz 8

### **Grading:**

Each quiz must be passed at an 80% or higher (three attempts allowed).

### **Format**

This is a self-paced, asynchronous (no required live meetings) course. Throughout the PD course, you will find it helpful to take notes along the way to assist with the quizzes. Within each module, you will find reflection assessments that are not graded but will help in your journey through the course. There is an interactive forum in the course to help you connect with peers and instructors, share ideas, and collaborate on best practices throughout your learning journey.