Essay Writing Lesson Plan Summer 20226

Day 1: Understanding how to approach prompts

-Introductions, icebreakers
-Intro to Essay Writing
-Mini Lesson: how to write a thesis statement
-Mini lesson: Understanding the given prompt
-Mini Lesson: Identifying different essay types
-Homework: Create an essay prompt, identify key words or phrases, identify type of essay expected, create thesis statements

Day 2: Brainstorming, Structure

-Warm up
-Discuss and review homework
-Mini lesson: Brainstorming
-Mini lesson: how to organize your brainstorming
-Mini Lesson: outlining
-Homework: Create an outline based on the essay prompt you made on Day 1.

Day 3: Adding Details

-Warm up
-Discuss and review homework
Mini lesson: CER
Mini lesson: transitions between paragraphs
Mini lesson: finding reliable sources
Homework: Create a rough draft for your outline from Day 2. There should be at least 5-7 sentences in each body paragraph and 2-3 sentences in the introduction and conclusion.

Day 4: Review

-Warm up
-Discuss and review homework
Mini lesson: revising and editing
Mini lesson: Proper Format
Mini lesson: Citations
-Peer Review and Submit your final draft!

Notes:

- Classes will begin on July 19, 2026 at 12PM-3PM CST
- There will be 1 mini lesson for each hour
- Students will be given a 10 minute break between each hour (ex: 1:00-1:10)
- Students are expected to complete and work through various activities, exercises, and assignments
- Students are encouraged to write notes
- Students are expected to have a complete, revised final draft essay to share by the end of the week
- Students are encouraged to ask questions!

Classes will generally look like:
~Warm Up
~Review homework
- ~Mini Lesson #1

~Group Review & Activity
~Independent practice assignment
~Time for Questions
Ten minute break
- Mini Lesson #2

~Group Review & Activity
~Independent practice assignment
~Time for Questions
Ten minute break
- Mini Lesson #3

~Group Review & Activity
~Independent practice assignment

~Time for Questions