



# ***Delightful Words***

*With Laura Smole*

## **Summer Writing Workshops**

**Introduction to Essay Writing July 11, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm** This workshop is a basic introduction to essay writing. Good for those in middle school or anyone who needs a refresher on the basics of writing strong essays.

**What do I write about? July 11, 1:00pm -4:00pm** Invention is 90% of the work. This practicum focuses on helping students figure out what they want to write. This practicum reviews the 5 Common Topics in a way that will not only assist students with developing paper ideas but it will also prepare them for leading discussions and preparing speeches.

**Research, Plagiarism and Citations: July 13, 9:00 am -12:00 pm** This workshop focuses on research techniques that will help students better arrange their research driven assignments. In addition, the rules of plagiarism will be reviewed and lessons in knowing what and how to cite sources correctly will be practiced. Focus will be on MLA standards of documentation.

**Tackling the Writing Prompt: July 18, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm** This practicum is designed specially for rising Challenge II students but will be useful for Challenge III students as well. The intent of this workshop is to incorporate all the skills, tools and tricks learned from the IEW and LTW writing courses in order to tackle prompt driven and student driven essays.

**Building a Better Body (Paragraph) July 20, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm** This workshop will focus on developing stronger and more detailed body paragraphs. This practicum combines the skills, tools and tricks to help students better organize and articulate their thoughts, ideas and opinions creating better essays.

**Assessing your Student's Writing: For Parents only! July 27, 9:00am - 12:00 pm** Learn how to assess and grade your student's writing. The best way to stay connected with your student's heart and mind is to read their papers. This practicum not only gives you practical tips and tricks in knowing how to assess essays and papers but also encourages you in knowing how to keep up with your student's critical thinking process.

**How to start my Senior Thesis, August 1, 9:00 am- 12:00 pm** This workshop focuses on the Invention process of writing the Senior thesis. It teaches choosing a topic, narrowing down the focus of the thesis, and steps involved in finding resources and keeping track of research.

### **Registration and Payment Information:**

Cost is \$50 paid at the time of the workshop. Practicums limited to 6 participants. All workshops are held in the Smole Writing Lounge. Payment can be made through Venmo @Laura-Smole or cash/check. \$10 deposit is appreciated to reserve a seat for workshops. Register by emailing (laurasmole@gmail.com) or texting (757-880-8826) Laura with the name, grade level student and workshop attending. Want something you don't see offered? Just ask Laura! She offers individual tutoring or will develop a personalized workshop for you and your friends.