

**HomeschoolConnections.com**  
**Aquinas Writing Advantage (AWA)**

**SCOPE AND SEQUENCE**

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Homeschool Connections has put together a full middle through high school writing program for you and your children:

- Complete, progressive, and thorough
- Give your student all the skills needed—foundations, development, advanced, and creative writing
- Leaves no gaps and prepares your student for college and the workplace

Every child and every homeschool is different. You know your child best, so you always have the final say in your child's education at HSC. Therefore, courses can be taken in a different order or at a different pace, as long as students have successfully completed the required prerequisites or tested out of the prerequisites (see <https://homeschoolconnections.com/writing-evaluations>)

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSES**

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**SUGGESTED GRADE: 7<sup>th</sup> or accelerated 6<sup>th</sup>**

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**MS 7/6-1**

**WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Punctuation and Grammar I**

Six weeks

Prerequisite: None

\* Take the Essentials 1 and 2 courses together to receive one full semester of credit (for a total of 12 weeks of classes)

\* Available live in the Fall Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

**MS 7/6-2**

**WRITING ESSENTIALS 2: Excellent Sentence and Paragraph Writing I**

Six weeks

Prerequisite: *WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Punctuation and Grammar I (MS 7/6-1)*

\* Take the Essentials 1 and 2 courses together to receive one full semester of credit (for a total of 12 weeks of classes)

\* Available live in the Fall Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

### **MS 7/6-3**

#### **WRITING ESSENTIALS 3: Punctuation and Grammar II**

Six weeks

Prerequisite: *WRITING ESSENTIALS 2: Excellent Sentence and Paragraph Writing I* (MS 7/6-2)

\* Take the Essentials 3 and 4 courses together to receive one full semester of credit (for a total of 12 weeks of classes)

\* Available live in the Spring Semester only. Also available as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

### **MS 7/6-4**

#### **WRITING ESSENTIALS 4: Excellent Sentence and Paragraph Writing II**

Six weeks

Prerequisite: *WRITING ESSENTIALS 3: Punctuation and Grammar II* (MS 7/6-3)

\* Take the Essentials 3 and 4 courses together to receive one full semester of credit (for a total of 12 weeks of classes)

\* Available live in the Spring Semester only. Also available as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

## **SUGGESTED GRADE: 8<sup>th</sup> or accelerated 7th**

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### **MS 8/7-1**

#### **SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 1: Foundations of Composition I**

Eight weeks

Prerequisite: *WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Punctuation and Grammar I* (MS 7/6-1), previously or concurrently.

\* Take Simplified Writing 1 and 2 courses together to receive one full semester of credit (for a total of 14 weeks of classes).

\* Available live in the Fall Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

### **MS 8/7-2**

#### **SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2: Introduction to Essays and Papers I**

Six weeks

Prerequisite: *SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 1: Foundations of Composition I* (MS 8/7-1).

\* Take Simplified Writing 1 and 2 courses together to receive one full semester of credit (for a total of 14 weeks of classes).

\* Available live in the Fall Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded

course through Unlimited Access.

### **MS 8/7-3**

#### **SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 3: Writing the Excellent Essay**

Eight weeks

Prerequisite: *SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2: Introduction to Essays and Papers I* (MS 8/7-2).

\* Take Simplified Writing 3 and 4 courses together to receive one full semester of credit (for a total of 14 weeks of classes).

\* Available live in the Spring Semester only. Also available as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

### **MS 8/7-4**

#### **SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 4: Writing Form and Style**

Six weeks

Prerequisite: *SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 3: Writing the Excellent Essay* (MS 8/7-3).

\* Take Simplified Writing 3 and 4 courses together to receive one full semester of credit (for a total of 14 weeks of classes).

\* Available live in the Spring Semester only. Also available as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

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## **HIGH SCHOOL COURSES**

### **SUGGESTED 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: ESSENTIAL & SIMPLIFIED WRITING SKILLS**

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#### **HS 9-1**

##### **HIGH SCHOOL WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Essential Punctuation and Grammar I**

Six weeks

Prerequisite: None

\* Take the Essentials 1 and Simplified 1 courses together to receive one full semester of credit (for a total of 14 weeks of classes).

\* Available live in the Fall Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

#### **HS 9-2**

##### **HIGH SCHOOL SIMPLIFIED WRITING 1: Strong Foundational Writing Skills**

Eight weeks

Prerequisite: *HIGH SCHOOL WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Essential Punctuation and Grammar I* (HS 9-1).

\* Take the Essentials 1 and Simplified 1 courses together to receive one full semester of

credit (for a total of 14 weeks of classes).

\* Available live in the Fall Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

### **HS 9-3**

#### **HIGH SCHOOL WRITING ESSENTIALS 2: Excellent Paragraphs and Essay Writing**

Six weeks

Prerequisite: HIGH SCHOOL SIMPLIFIED WRITING 1: *Strong Foundational Writing Skills* (HS 9-2)

\* Take the Essentials 2 and Simplified 2 courses together to receive one full semester of credit (for a total of 14 weeks of classes)

\* Available live in the Spring Semester only. Also available as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

### **HS 9-4**

#### **HIGH SCHOOL SIMPLIFIED WRITING 2: Beyond the Five-Paragraph Essay**

Eight Weeks

Prerequisite: Prerequisite: HIGH SCHOOL SIMPLIFIED WRITING 1: *Strong Foundational Writing Skills* (HS 9-2)

\* Take the Essentials 2 and Simplified 2 courses together to receive one full semester of credit (for a total of 14 weeks of classes)

\* Available live in the Spring Semester only. Also available as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

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## **SUGGESTED 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: VOCABULARY & WRITING**

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### **HS 10-1**

#### **VOCABULARY AND WRITING: Vocabulary and Writing, Part One**

14 Weeks

Prerequisite: Required: *WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Essential Punctuation and Grammar I* (HS 9-1). Recommended: *HIGH SCHOOL SIMPLIFIED WRITING 1: Strong Foundational Writing Skills* (HS 9-2).

\* Available live in the Fall Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

### **HS 10-2**

#### **VOCABULARY AND WRITING: Vocabulary and Writing, Part Two**

14 Weeks

Prerequisite: Required: *WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Essential Punctuation and Grammar I* (HS 9-1). Recommended: *HIGH SCHOOL SIMPLIFIED WRITING 1: Strong Foundational Writing Skills* (HS 9-2). Also, it is preferred that students take *Vocabulary and Writing Part One* (HS 10-1) first, but it is not required.

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\* Available live in the Spring Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

## **SUGGESTED 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: FICTION (CREATIVE) WRITING TRACK**

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### **HS 11-1**

#### **FICTION WRITING 1: Plot & Structure**

Four weeks

Prerequisite: Required: *WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Essential Punctuation and Grammar I* (HS 9-1). Recommended: *SIMPLIFIED WRITING 1: Strong Foundational Writing Skills* (HS 9-2).

\* Take this course with HS 11-2 (Description & Setting) and HS 11-3 (Characters & Dialogue) for a full semester of credit (for a total of 12 weeks of classes)

\* Available live in the Fall Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

### **HS 11-2**

#### **FICTION WRITING 2: Description & Setting**

Four weeks

Prerequisite: Required: *WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Essential Punctuation and Grammar I* (HS 9-1). Recommended: *SIMPLIFIED WRITING 1: Strong Foundational Writing Skills* (HS 9-2).

\* Take this course with HS 11-1 (Plot & Structure) and HS 11-3 (Characters & Dialogue) for a full semester of credit (for a total of 12 weeks of classes)

\* Available live in the Fall Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

### **HS 11-3**

#### **FICTION WRITING 3: Characters & Dialogue**

Four weeks

Prerequisite: Required: *WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Essential Punctuation and Grammar I* (HS 9-1). Recommended: *SIMPLIFIED WRITING 1: Strong Foundational Writing Skills* (HS 9-2).

\* Take this course with HS 11-1 (Plot & Structure) and HS 11-2 (Description & Setting) for a full semester of credit (for a total of 12 weeks of classes)

\* Available live in the Fall Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

### **HS 11-4**

#### **FICTION WRITING 4: Theme, Style, & Point of View**

Four weeks

Prerequisite: Required: *WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Essential Punctuation and Grammar I* (HS 9-1). Recommended: *SIMPLIFIED WRITING 1: Strong Foundational Writing Skills* (HS 9-2).

\* Take this course with HS 11-5 (Conflict & Creating the Breakout Novel) and your choice of HS 11-6 (Authoring a Book, Part 1) and 11-7 (Authoring a Book, Part 2), or 11-8 (Writing the Short Story) for a full semester of credit (for a total of 12 to 16 weeks of classes)

\* Available live in the Spring Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

## **HS 11-5**

### **FICTION WRITING 5: Conflict & Creating the Breakout Novel**

Four weeks

Prerequisite: Required: *WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Essential Punctuation and Grammar I* (HS 9-1). Recommended: *SIMPLIFIED WRITING 1: Strong Foundational Writing Skills* (HS 9-2).

\* Take this course with HS 11-4 (Theme, Style, & Point of View) and your choice of HS 11-6 (Authoring a Book, Part 1) and 11-7 (Authoring a Book, Part 2), or 11-8 (Writing the Short Story) for a full semester of credit (for a total of 12 to 16 weeks of classes)

\* Available live in the Spring Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

## **HS 11-6**

### **FICTION WRITING 6: Authoring a Book, Part 1 – How it Works, What it Takes, and How to Succeed**

Four weeks

Prerequisite: Required: *WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Essential Punctuation and Grammar I* (HS 9-1). Recommended: *SIMPLIFIED WRITING 1: Strong Foundational Writing Skills* (HS 9-2).

\* Take this course with HS 11-4 (Theme, Style, & Point of View) and HS 11-5 (Conflict & Creating the Breakout Novel), and 11-7 (Authoring a Book, Part 2) or 11-8 (Writing the Short Story), for a full semester of credit (12 to 16 weeks)

\* Available live in the Spring Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

## **HS 11-7**

### **FICTION WRITING: Authoring a Book, Part 2 – Perfecting the Query & Synopsis**

Four weeks

Prerequisite: *Authoring a Book, Part 1 – How it Works, What it Takes, and How to Succeed* (HS 11-6).

\* Take this course with HS 11-4 (Theme, Style, & Point of View) and HS 11-5 (Conflict & Creating the Breakout Novel), and 11-6 (Authoring a Book, Part 1) or 11-8 (Writing the Short Story), for a full semester of credit (for a total of 12 to 16 weeks of classes)

\* Currently available only as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

## **HS 11-8**

### **FICTION WRITING: Writing the Short Story**

Four weeks

Prerequisite: Required: *WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Essential Punctuation and Grammar I* (HS 9-1). Recommended: *SIMPLIFIED WRITING 1: Strong Foundational Writing Skills* (HS 9-2).

\* Take this course with HS 11-4 (Theme, Style, & Point of View) and HS 11-5 (Conflict & Creating the Breakout Novel), and 11-6 (Authoring a Book, Part 1) or 11-7 (Authoring a Book, Part 2), for a full semester of credit (for a total of 12 to 16 weeks of classes)

\* Available live in the Spring Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

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## **SUGGESTED 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: BUSINESS WRITING TRACK**

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## **HS 11-9**

### **BUSINESS WRITING: Professional Business Writing Essentials**

Eight weeks

Prerequisite: *HIGH SCHOOL SIMPLIFIED WRITING 1: Strong Foundational Writing Skills* (HS 9-2).

\* Students should take the Spring Semester of Business Writing (Journalism) with this course, to make the Business Writing Track complete (for a total of 16 weeks of classes).

\* Currently available only as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

## **HS 11-10**

### **BUSINESS WRITING: Foundations of Journalism**

Eight weeks

Prerequisite: *HIGH SCHOOL SIMPLIFIED WRITING 1: Strong Foundational Writing Skills* (HS 9-2).

\* Students should take the Fall Semester of Business Writing (Professional Business Writing Essentials) with this course, to make the Business Writing Track complete (for a total of 16 weeks of classes).

\* Currently available only as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

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## **SUGGESTED 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: COLLEGE PREP WRITING**

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## **HS 12-1**

### **ADVANCED RHETORIC & WRITING 1: Rhetoric, Figures of Speech, Essays, & Papers**

Ten weeks

Prerequisite: *HIGH SCHOOL SIMPLIFIED WRITING 1: Strong Foundational Writing Skills*

(HS 9-2) is required.

\* Available live in the Fall Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

## **HS 12-2**

### **ADVANCED RHETORIC & WRITING 2: Research Writing (College Prep)**

Ten weeks

Prerequisite: *ADVANCED RHETORIC & WRITING 1: Rhetoric, Figures of Speech, Essays, & Papers* (HS 12-1) is required.

\* Available live in the Spring Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

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## **WRITING EXCELLENCE COURSES**

*The following courses are exceptional advanced courses that can be taken at any time during high school, if the student meets the prerequisite requirements.*

### **HS X-5 NEW!**

#### **HIGH SCHOOLWRITING ESSENTIALS 5: Punctuation and Grammar II**

##### **Fully Understanding Punctuation & Grammar**

*For students who want to confirm and excel in their skills. College preparatory.*

Prerequisite: *HIGH SCHOOL WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Essential Punctuation and Grammar I* (HS 9-1) is required.

\* Currently only available as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

### **HS X-9**

#### **FICTION WRITING: The Hero's Journey & Mythic Structure for Writers I**

*For students who want to excel in fiction writing skills and understand the fiction/literature connection; this is a college preparatory course.*

Prerequisite: Required: *WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Essential Punctuation and Grammar I* (HS 9-1). Recommended: Any of the 11-level fiction courses (previously or concurrently).

\* Available live in the Fall Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

### **HS X-10**

#### **FICTION WRITING: The Hero's Journey & Mythic Structure for Writers II**

*For students who want to excel in fiction writing skills and jumpstart college literature courses; this is both a college and career prep course.*

Prerequisite: *The Hero's Journey & Mythic Structure for Writers I* (HS X-9)

\* Available live in the Spring Semester only. Also available anytime as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.



## **HS X-11**

### **FICTION WRITING: Screenwriting I**

*For students who want to excel in fiction writing skills and jumpstart college literature courses; this is both a college and career prep course.*

Prerequisite: None. Recommended: Any of the 11-level fiction courses (previously or concurrently).

\* Currently only available as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

## **HS X-12**

### **FICTION WRITING: Screenwriting II**

*For students who want to excel in fiction writing skills and jumpstart college literature courses; this is both a college and career prep course.*

Prerequisite: *FICTION WRITING: Screenwriting I* (HS X-11)

\* Currently only available as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

## **HS X-13**

### **FICTION WRITING: Introduction to Poetry**

Prerequisite: None

\* Available only as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.

## **HS X-14**

### **FICTION WRITING: Poetry 1: Joining the Great Tradition**

Prerequisite: *FICTION WRITING: Introduction to Poetry* (HS X-13)

\* Available only as a recorded course through Unlimited Access.