



## FLEX HeadStart: English, Writing & General Humanities Pathway The History Paper

Instructor: Ashley Rodriguez

### Upper Level (UL, 8-9th Grade)

February 3 - April 21  
Thursdays  
4:30 - 6:00 pm

### Lower Level (LL, 6-7th Grade)

February 1 - April 19  
Tuesdays  
4:30 - 6:00 pm

### Course Description

Students learn, once and for all, how to write a research paper--which will be required in advanced and AP courses in the humanities. This class teaches students everything from the rules, formatting, methodology of a standard research paper to content-related considerations: how to write a thesis, how to support an argument, etc. The writing course with the most direct academic application.

### Topics will include:

- Making history come alive by writing analytically, not just descriptively
- Developing strong, nuanced historical thesis statements
- Selecting, interpreting, and citing historical sources to support complex arguments
- Using a variety of academic writing techniques to promote clarity, persuasiveness, and logical flow
- Exploring different sub-genres of history (social, cultural, political, economic, intellectual)

### Instructor Background: Ashley Rodriguez

- 5+ years teaching Middle School-Level English
- 4+ years editing+writing
- SFSU: B.A. Creative Writing, Emphasis in Poetry

### Program Objectives:

- Completion of the history paper

### Curriculum:

- FLEX Course Reader
- Select Advanced Placement (AP) history resources

### Tuition\*:

- \$1,495
- Curriculum: \$50

### \*Register by 12/15 and receive:

- 20% off tuition
- FREE 4 Week Preparation Course
  - UPPER LEVEL:
    - Classes on 1/6, 1/13, 1/19, 1/27
    - Thursdays (4:30 - 6:00 pm)
  - LOWER LEVEL:
    - Classes on 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25
    - Tuesdays (4:30 - 6:00 pm)

\* "The History Paper" is the third in a series of FLEX Writing Center courses. Each course in the series stands alone but continues to advance skills developed in prior coursework. "Biographical Essay Writing" recommended but not required.

For more information or to register, please contact: [headstart@flexcollegeprep.com](mailto:headstart@flexcollegeprep.com)  
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