



FLEX Writing Center: A Division of FLEX Pathways

Biographical Essay Writing (6-7th Grade)

Section 1: Meagan Mason

Sep 29- Nov 19, 2020

T,Th (3-4:30 pm)

Section 2: Kate Huh

Sep 30 - Nov 20, 2020

W,F (3-4:30 pm)

Course Description

This course teaches students how to take a more objective (scholastic) approach to reading and writing while honing the techniques for persuasive and compelling narrative writing developed in previous coursework.* The class will culminate in the completion of a biography project (app 25 pages). The project consists of three chapters (biographies) of individuals who have something in common, and an essay that discusses this commonality.

Topics will include:

- Reading across a range of texts
- Analyzing and evaluating texts
- Using a variety of technological and informational resources to conduct research
- Using a variety of writing techniques to persuade, engage, and convey information
- Planning for and sustaining a longer project (3 chapter biography)

Program Objectives:

In studying the biography, students are exposed to a diverse array of texts. They learn the basics of writing a research paper: consideration of sources, the weighing and presenting evidence, documentation, and analysis. These skills are critical for success in high school English and History classes. Finally, a small component of the class also exposes students to the critical thinking skills required for standardized test prep.

Curriculum:

- Course Reader
- *Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different*, by Karen Blumenthal OR *Steve Jobs*, by Walter Isaacson (advanced)
- *Two Miserable Presidents*, Steve Sheinkin

For more information or to register, please contact pathways@flexcollegeprep.com or call (408) 252- 7742.

FREE 4 Week Preparation Course:

- Register by 8/31
- Classes on 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24
- Th (3-4:30 pm)

Instructor Background: Meagan Mason

- UC Davis: College Essay Mentorship Program
- UC Davis: Undergraduate Research Assistant
- UC Davis: BA Communication Studies

Instructor Background: Kate Huh

- Founder of Yale Undergraduate Journal of Comparative Literature
- Columbia Scholastic Press Association Certificate of Merit for Editorial Leadership
- Yale: BA English, Admitted Harvard/Stanford Law

Tuition: \$1,495 (+\$50 curriculum fee)

- Early registration: \$200 off by 8/31
- Returning students: 20% off by 8/24
- Returning students who refer a friend: both get total 40% off by 8/24
- Discounts cannot be combined with other offers
- Tuition must be paid in full to receive discounts

* "The Biography" is the second in a series of FLEX Writing Center courses. Each course in the series stands alone but continues to advance skills developed in prior coursework. "Personal Narrative Essay" recommended but not required.