



Middle School Tools for English Excellence
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Week 1: Introduction and learning from models (copywork)

Week 2: Descriptive writing: concrete detail, appealing to the senses and figurative language

Week 3: Descriptive writing: using adverbs and upgrading boring verbs

Week 4: Unfamiliar vocabulary: becoming a savvy reader

Week 5: Great hooks and sentence variety

Week 6: Writing paragraphs: topic sentence, body and conclusion

Week 7: Discerning a writer's intent

Week 8: The expository essay

Week 9: Seeking and receiving feedback

Week 10: Skills tune-up: complete sentences and active vs. passive voice

Week 11: The persuasive essay

Week 12: Writing about literature

Week 13: Skills tune-up (content depends on class needs/weaknesses)

Week 14: Going deeper with the revising process

Week 15: Last class ~ final thoughts

Assignments:

5 writing exercises to practice or apply skills taught in class.

3 original paragraphs (detailed, some edited and rewritten).

3 original essays (essays are taken through a revision process of 2-3 versions).

Cost: \$275

Joanna Breault is an experienced writing coach and professional writer. She is also a pastor's wife and mother to five. And despite a twenty year age difference, she is Debra's really good friend, which just shows Debra is still cool and hip.