

IEW Discoveries in Writing

2026-2027 Syllabus

FALL

Week	Date	Lesson	Structure & Style
Unit 1 - Note Making & Outlines			
Week 1	25-Aug	1 Mount Everest; Matterhorn	intro to structure; note making (key words) & outlines (key word outline - KWO)
Unit 2 - Writing From Notes			
Week 2	1-Sep	2 Constantine	intro to structure/writing from notes; title rule
Week 3	8-Sep	3 Alfred the Great	intro to style; ly adverb
Week 4	15-Sep	4 Lapis Lazuli	writing from notes; who/which clause
Unit 3 - Retelling Narrative Stories			
Week 5	22-Sep	5 The Lion and the Shepherd, Part 1	retelling narrative stories
Week 6	29-Sep	6 The Lion and the Shepherd, Part 2	retelling narrative stories
Week 7	6-Oct	7 The Sword in the Stone, Part 1	retelling narrative stories
Fall Break - 10/13			
Week 8	20-Oct	8 The Sword in the Stone, Part 2	retelling narrative stories; strong verb, banned words: say/said, see/saw
Unit 4 - Summarizing a Reference			
Week 9	27-Oct	9 Old Faithful	summarizing a reference; topic-clincher sentences; banned words: think/thought
Week 10	3-Nov	10 Bayeux Tapestry	summarizing a reference; because clause
Week 11	10-Nov	11 Mecca	summarizing a reference; banned words: go/went
Week 12	17-Nov	12 Tsunamis	summarizing a reference; quality adjective; banned words: big, small
Thanksgiving Break - 11/24			
Week 13	1-Dec	13 Jerusalem and the Crusades	summarizing a reference; www.asia clause (in Lesson 17); banned words: good, bad
Week 14	8-Dec	IEW Jeopardy	semester review - jeopardy game
Christmas Break - 12/15-1/5			

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Unit 6 - Summarizing Multiple References			
Week 15	12-Jan	20 Bunker Hill, Part 1	summarizing multiple references; #2 prepositional opener (in Lesson 21)
Week 16	19-Jan	21 Bunker Hill, Part 2	summarizing multiple references; #3 -ly adverb opener (in Lesson 23); #6 vss opener (in Lesson 27)
Week 17	26-Jan	26 Use Bunker Hill Paragraphs	summarizing multiple references; intro to body, introduction & conclusion paragraphs (HW- conclusion)
Week 18	2-Feb	24 Use Bunker Hill Paragraphs	summarizing multiple references; review body, introduction, conclusion paragraphs (HW - introduction); Discuss appropriate sources/ Come back from break with 3 sources for animal project
Winter Break - 2/9			
Week 19	16-Feb	27 Use Bunker Hill Paragraphs	summarizing multiple references; review introduction/conclusion paragraphs; discuss/approve sources for animal project
Showcase - Animal Project		In Class	Homework (HW)
Week 20	23-Feb	Review Selecting Topics & Create Works Cited	Complete Works Cited & Select 3 Topics
Week 21	2-Mar	Create KWO's for 3 Sources/3 Topics	Complete KWOs
Week 22	9-Mar	Create/Complete Fused Outlines for 3 topics & Begin Writing 3 Body Paragraphs	Complete fused outline for 3 topics & complete writing 3 body paragraphs
Spring Break - 3/16			
Week 23	23-Mar	Review 3 Body Paragraphs & Create KWOs & Begin Writing Paragraphs for Introduction & Conclusion	Complete KWO's & paragraphs for Intro/Conclusion Paragraphs
Week 24	30-Mar	Review Paragraphs for Introduction & Conclusion & Begin Organizing Resources	Create final report copy (5 paragraph report (intro, 3 body paragraphs, conclusion
Week 25	6-Apr	Review Final Reports	Complete final report
Week 26	13-Apr	Last Review of Final Reports	Bring final report & animal representation
Week 27	20-Apr	IEW Showcase	
Week 28	27-Apr	IEW - Fix It Grammar - Town Mouse and Country Mouse	semester review - IEW worksheet similar to Mad Libs