



High School Logic/Rhetoric Courses

Logic 1 (Informal Logic): 1 Credit

The aim of this course is equip young minds to think critically in the commercial, political, and social world in which we live. The authors of the textbook that we have chosen explain and illustrate twenty-eight informal fallacies which are frequently encountered in the media and conversation. The emphasis on practical application will help students to remember and apply these lessons long after the course is completed. The reward will be an improved ability to evaluate arguments and reason well. This course is organized in our new daily lesson schedule format.

Text: *Art of Argument* \$22.95

***Art of Argument Teacher Ed.* \$26.95**

Tuition: \$125.00



Logic 2 (Formal Logic): 1 Credit

This course will introduce students to the interesting realm of formal, deductive logic. Coming after a study of informal logic, which concerns the claims being made in the *content* of an argument, a study of formal logic analyzes the *structure* of the argument. Logic as a subject is perfect for training young minds to think clearly, and is best taught by showing the relevance of logic to the students' own concerns and interests. The text we've chosen for this course is designed to emphasize the practical and real-world application of soundly structured, deductive logic. Using methods such as Socratic dialogue, readings from Plato and Sherlock Holmes, diagrams, memory devices, and personal application, it teaches in ways that provide lasting benefit to the student. This course is organized in our new daily lesson schedule format.

Text: *Discovery of Deduction* \$27.95

***Discovery of Deduction Teacher Ed.* \$31.95**

Tuition: \$125.00



Persuasive Writing and Speech: 1 Credit

In the art of persuasion, the classical trivium comes into its own, as grammar, logic and rhetoric harmonize in the achievement of a winning argument. In this course, students will be able to put to use all the logic and writing skills learned up to now plus some new ideas that will enrich their writing and speaking. A dozen different techniques of classical rhetoric will be explained and practiced. Students will be asked to read and recognize the techniques being used by other authors, practice them in short paragraph assignments, and eventually put the tools to use in one essay and two short speeches. We are confident that the benefit of this course will be seen not only in persuasive discourse but in all other fields of writing and speaking. This course is organized in our new daily lesson schedule format.

Text: *The Rulebook for Arguments* \$14.95

Tuition: \$125.00



Advanced English Composition: 1 Credit (English or Rhetoric)

The Writer's Workshop takes an approach to teaching writing that is new only because it is so old. Today, rhetoric and composition typically proceed by ignoring what was done for 2500 years in Western education. Gregory Roper, on the other hand, helps students learn to write in the way the great writers of the past learned: by carefully imitating masters of the craft, including Cicero, Thomas Aquinas, Charles Dickens, Sojourner Truth, James Joyce, and Ernest Hemingway. By living in their workshops and imitating these and other masters, apprentice writers – like apprentice musicians, painters, and blacksmiths of the past – will rapidly improve the complexity of their art and discover their own native voices.

This course is different from any other offered by *Tree of Life*. Students will be assigned a tutor and enrolled in a small peer group (maximum of 8 students) where writing will be shared (via e-mail), critiqued, and celebrated. This is an ideal opportunity for students in their last two years of secondary school to develop advanced composition techniques.

Text: *The Writer's Workshop* \$18.95

Tuition: \$200.00



"Tree of Life provides the academic & emotional support we've needed to successfully navigate through the high school years. As our children mature (didn't we just launch into this adventure yesterday?!) they pursue their studies with increasing independence. It has been wonderful to have Tree of Life's third party interaction & evaluation. All this on top of uncompromising course content founded on a Christian worldview. A tangible blessing indeed."

John & Kathy Mackinnon - Long-time volunteers and leaders for OCHEC (Ontario Christian Home Educators Conference)

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