



## **How to Write Powerfully in Defense of Liberty**

### **Course Outline**

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Why Write in Defense of Liberty? What's the Problem?

The Purpose and Structure of the Course

What Is Liberty? Why Is it Good?

The Aim of Expository Writing

How Good Writing Is Produced

Writing Is a Process

Writing With the Principle of Purpose

ITEC: Important, True, Essentialized, Clear

Pre-Writing

Choosing a topic and an audience

Thinking, researching, philosophical detection, gaining necessary knowledge

Dumping your thoughts on paper

Organizing your thoughts on paper

Formulating a preliminary theme

Identifying your audience's context

- What do they know?
- What do they value that is rational or pro-life?
- What do they believe that is false—and why do they believe it?
- What did they value that is not rational—and why do they value it?
- What new knowledge do they need in order to grasp your theme?

- What are the strongest objections to your theme?
- What contrasts will help to illuminate your points?

## Outlining

### Funnel outline

- Theme
- Subthemes
- Concretes

### Ordinal outline

- Motivation (So what?)
- Logical flow and transitions

## Doing Further Research If Necessary

## Writing a Rough Draft

The purpose of a rough draft

Assume omniscience (Don't self-censor or edit)

## Speaking Your Draft

## Dick and Jane Language

## Editing

### ITEC

### Reverse outlining

### Structure and Flow

- Sections
- Paragraphs
- Sentences
- Transitions

Motivation (So what?)

Concretization

Contrast (As against what?)

Active voice vs. passive voice

Words/diction

Grammar

Punctuation

## Submitting Your Work for Publication

## Working with Editors

## Promoting Your Published Work