

Skills You Must MASTER

Parts of Speech

- Verbs: Active/Passive voice
- Pronoun antecedent agreement
- Subject verb agreement
- Misplaced and dangling modifiers

Conventions of grammar

- Use of the possessive apostrophe Commas
- Semicolon
- Colon
- Punctuation within quotation marks
- Punctuation of quotation within a quotation
- Spell cardinal numbers and numbers that begin sentences -
- Titles
- * Underscore (italicize) full-length works

Syntax

Sentence structure (simple. compound, complex. compound-complex)

Writing

- Thesis
- Topic sentence
- Supporting details/elaboration
- Paragraph structure
- MLA format
- Works cited

Essay structure

- Analysis
- Research
- Argumentation
- Persuasion
- Journals
- Creative

Reading with a PURPOSE

- tone
- author's purpose
- syntax
- style
- voice
- theme
- diction
- figurative language
- detail
- picking out pivotal passages
- close reading
- annotation