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Introduction

Welcome to *Structure and Style** *for Students*, taught by Andrew Pudewa. His humor and step-by-step clarity have yielded amazing results with thousands of formerly reluctant writers. We hope you will have an enjoyable year as you learn to write with *Structure and Style!*

Assembling Your Binder

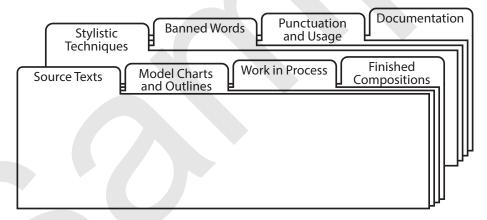
Your *Structure and Style for Students* curriculum features a paper organization system that you will use to manage your coursework and compositions in every stage of the writing process.

To prepare for your first class, take pages 1–8 from this packet and place them at the front of your binder—before the Source Texts tab. Each week, you will add the weekly Overview pages to this front section; therefore, place Week 1 Overview, page 9, on top of the pages that you just moved. When you begin Week 2, place Week 2 Overview on top of Week 1 Overview.

The remaining pages from this student packet should be placed in the back of the binder behind the Documentation tab. You will be instructed each week by either your teacher or Mr. Pudewa where to put these additional pages.

Supplies

Every *Structure and Style for Students* box comes with a Teacher's Manual, this student packet, videos containing twenty-four teaching episodes with Andrew Pudewa, and a Student Binder with eight tabs:



Fix It!® Grammar

To provide an effective and delightful method of applying grammar rules to writing, consider using *Fix It! Grammar* in addition to this course.

Vocabulary

Vocabulary words are included in the lessons. Directions encourage review on a weekly basis.

Beyond this, you only need a pen and several sheets of notebook paper for each week's assignments.

Scope and Sequence

Week	Subject and Structure	Style	Literature Suggestions
Unit 1	Mermaids The Cottingley Fairies		Princess Mary's Gift Book: A Spell for a Fairy by Alfred Noyes
Unit 2	Cryptozoology Bigfoot	-ly adverb who/which clause	
Unit 3	The Thief and the Innkeeper	strong verb banned words: say/said, go/went, think/thought	The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place: Book 1: The Mysterious Howling by Maryrose Wood
4	Flannan Isle	because clause banned words: see/saw, want/wanted	
Unit 4	Lake Monsters		
6	Man-Made Mysteries	quality adjective banned words: good, bad, big, small	The Voyage of the Dawn Treader by C. S. Lewis
Unit 5 7	Dinosaur or Stonehenge	www.asia clause	
8	Tent and Bigfoot or Boat and Sea Monster	#2 Prepositional Opener	
Unit 6	Alcatraz		The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
10	An Unsolved Mystery additional sources required	#3 -ly Adverb Opener #5 Clausal Opener	
Unit 7	A Small Object You Use		The Indian in the Cupboard
12	Chimera	#1 Subject Opener #4 -ing Opener #6 vss Opener	by Lynne Reid Banks

Week	Subject and Structure	Style	Literature Suggestions
13	Author Imitation		The Children's Homer: The Adventures of Odysseus and the Tale of Troy by Padraic Colum
Unit 8 14	Cryptids		
15	Homer, Part 1 Super-Essay		
16	Homer, Part 2	decorations	Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne
17	Homer, Part 3		
Unit 9 18	How Watson Learned the Trick		
Poetry 19	Haiku Cinquain		The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare or 1980 movie
20	Couplet, Tercet, Quatrain	alliteration/assonance simile/metaphor	
21	Sonnet	blank verse	
22	Trochaic, Dactylic, Anapestic	advanced meter	
Response to Literature 23	The Charge of the Light Brigade		A Book of Nonsense by Edward Lear
24	Timed Essay		



Week 9: Alcatraz

Structure and Style for Students Video 9 Part 1: 00:00-42:51 Part 2: 42:52-1:11:14

Goals

- to review the Unit 6 Summarizing Multiple References structural model
- to write source outlines from multiple references
- to write three fused outlines
- to write a 3-paragraph report
- no new vocabulary words this week

Suggested Daily Breakdown

	•	Watch Part 1 of Video 9.
DAY 1	•	Review the process for writing source and fused outlines.
	•	Read and discuss "Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary," "Alcatraz: Then and Now," and "Alcatraz," annotating possible topics in the margin.
	•	Choose three related topics about Alcatraz.
	Oį	otional: Complete Day 1 in Fix It! Grammar Week 9.
	•	Watch Part 2 of Video 9 starting at 42:52.
	•	Write two source outlines and a fused outline for your first topic.
DAY 2	•	Using your fused outline, write the first paragraph of your report about Alcatraz.
DA	•	Begin your paragraph with a topic sentence and end it with a clincher sentence.
	•	Highlight or bold two or three key words that repeat or reflect in the topic and clincher sentences.
	Oį	otional: Complete Day 2 in Fix It! Grammar Week 9.
		Write two source outlines and a fused outline for your second topic.
√ 3	•	Using your fused outline, write the second paragraph of your report about Alcatraz.
DAY	O	otional: Complete Day 3 in Fix It! Grammar Week 9.
	•	Write two source outlines and a fused outline for your third topic.
	•	Using your fused outline, write the third paragraph of your report about Alcatraz.
	•	Add one of each dress-up and one #2 prepositional opener in each paragraph.
		Create a title following the title rule.
4 2		Follow the directions on the checklist and check off each item as you complete it.
DAYS	•	Turn in your rough draft to your editor with the completed checklist attached.
	•	Write your final draft, making any changes that your editor suggested.
	•	Paperclip the checklist, final draft, rough draft, and KWO together. Hand them in.
	•	In preparation for Week 10, choose a mystery that remains unsolved and bring three or four sources about that mystery to class.
	O	otional: Complete Day 4 in Fix It! Grammar Week 9.



6 Summarizing Multiple References

- find multiple sources
- choose topics
- 1 outline/topic/source
- create fused outline



SOURCE 1 (info on source) I. Topic A 1.	SOURCE 2 (info on source) I. Topic A 1.	SOURCE 3 (info on source) I. Topic A 1.
2. 3. (4.)	2. 3. (4.)	2. 3. (4.)
USEFUL INFORMATION quotes due date or more notes	FUSED OUTLINE I. Topic A 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. (7.) Clincher	STYLE LIST -ly adverb who/which clause strong verb etc.



Source Text A

Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary

Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary was considered the most secure prison in America. Nicknamed "The Rock," the penitentiary was located on Alcatraz Island, which is 1.25 miles north of the bustling city of San Francisco. The cold, strong currents of San Francisco Bay surround the island. During its operation from 1934 to 1963, the prison housed 336 inmates, but on average only 260–275 individuals were incarcerated at a time. Over its thirty-year history, more than 1,500 of the toughest, most violent criminals were held there, including murderers, bank robbers, and prisoners who had previously attempted to escape. Each cell housed one man, measured nine feet by five feet, and consisted of concrete walls and reinforced iron bars. No cells were located near outside walls. The ratio of prisoners to guards was three to one, the lowest in the nation. Guards checked the prisoners a dozen times a day, and the prison had state-of-the-art metal detectors. Such security measures along with rumors of sharks swimming in the cold waters contributed to the escape-proof reputation.

Life at Alcatraz was brutal. Prisoners were not sentenced to Alcatraz. Rather, they were sent from other institutions so that they could be reformed. Because activity was highly structured and monotonous, most prisoners reformed in five years. Awakened at 6:30 each morning, inmates had twenty minutes to tidy their cells according to precise instructions. At 6:50 guards counted the prisoners, opened the doors, and marched the men to breakfast. After eating for twenty minutes, prisoners sat with their hands at their sides until the guards confirmed that all eating utensils were accounted for. Knives were placed on the left, the fork was in the center, and the spoon was on the right. The

highly regimented day continued. Inmates who had earned the right to work marched off to their duties: laundry detail, garbage, gardening. Lunch was at 11:30; dinner was at 4:25. Although the no-talking rule was eliminated early on, no singing or whistling was allowed even during the music hour, which occurred nightly when inmates could practice their instruments that they bought with their earnings. Lights were turned off at 9:30 PM. If prisoners did not conform, they were placed for several days in one of forty-two cells in D-block. The worst of these cells was the "Strip Cell," which had only a hole for a toilet. Prisoners placed in this cell received two blankets for a bed. They were not allowed to wear clothes. The sensory deprivation was brutal.

Fourteen attempts by thirty-six men occurred due to these brutal conditions. The first attempt happened in 1936, when Joe Bowers, who was burning trash on garbage duty, scaled the fence. A prison guard shot him, and he fell and died from his injuries. In 1939 "Doc" Barker, a murderer from Tulsa, Oklahoma, along with four other men tried to escape. They sawed bars, dropped to the ground, and scrambled to the shore. Three men surrendered to the armed guards, two were shot, and Doc died from his injuries. In 1941 John Bayless attempted to escape while he was on garbage duty. However, when he reached the water, he found it too cold and gave up. The Battle of Alcatraz, the most violent of all escape attempts, happened in 1946. Six prisoners overpowered guards, stole their keys, and armed themselves. When they found that none of the keys unlocked the recreation yard door to freedom, they did not surrender but started shooting. They injured eighteen officers, killing two. All prisoners were recaptured, one received a life sentence, and two were executed. Again, no one escaped.

There were several failed escapes from Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary before June 11, 1962, when allegedly three men found freedom. Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe disappeared during a storm on December 16, 1937. Although they may have survived the storm, they probably drowned at sea. More careful planning went into the scheme that allowed Frank Morris and brothers John and Clarence Anglin to escape in the summer of 1962. All had previously attempted to escape from other prisons. Allen West, a prisoner who claimed he had been left behind, explained how the men vanished. The trio dug around their ventilation grates with spoons during music hour and concealed their work with false walls. They created dummy heads with human hair that led the guards to believe that they were in bed. After they exited their cells, they climbed to the roof, scaled down the drain pipes, and ran to shore. Having created a raft and life jackets with fifty prison-issued raincoats, they plunged into the San Francisco Bay, never to be seen again. After seventeen years of searching, the FBI closed the case because they had found no credible evidence that the men had survived the bitter cold shark-infested waters.



Alcatraz from the air. Photograph by Boaz Meiri. 22 April 2011. Courtesy of Boaz Meiri, CC BY-SA 3.0.



Source Text B

Alcatraz: Then and Now

Alcatraz Island housed the most secure federal penitentiary from 1934 to 1963. It was built to show the public that the government was serious about stopping the raging crime of the 1920s and 30s. Built on an island in San Francisco Bay that previously housed a military prison, Alcatraz lacked its own water supply or soil. Due to its need for supplies and its maximum security with one guard for every three prisoners, it was the most expensive prison in the nation to operate. In addition to several strategically placed guard towers overlooking the 302 prisoners, the prison cells had what were believed to be hacksaw-proof bars and concrete walls that backed into corridors rather than outside walls. Also, the dangerously cold, shark-infested waters surrounding the island had swift currents that swept unsuspecting swimmers out to sea. Confident that Alcatraz was escape-proof, the prison authorities transferred the most notorious criminals who needed minimum privileges and maximum security to the island.

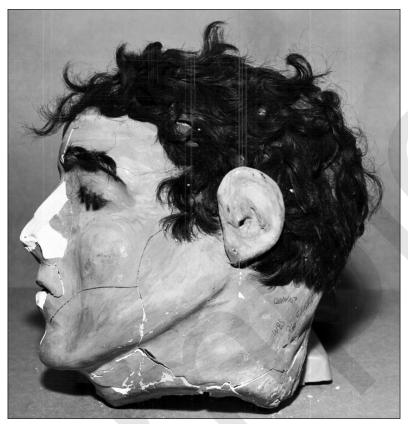
With fourteen escape attempts involving thirty-six men (including two who tried to escape twice), only one in 1962 was potentially considered successful. On June 12, 1962, prison guards discovered three cells empty of living men although they had been fooled all night by the dummy heads in their beds made from toilet paper, soap, and real human hair. Frank Morris, John Anglin, and Clarence Anglin had been planning their escape for several months according to Allen West, a prisoner-turned-informant who had been left behind. The men had slowly and patiently enlarged the opening around their ventilation covers using a spoon and a make-shift drill. The night that they escaped, they took life vests and a pontoon raft made from raincoats

and climbed to the roof. Scaling down the drain pipes, they climbed over a barbed wire fence and made it to shore. Whether or not the trio survived the voyage across the bay remains a mystery. A body dressed in blue clothing similar to what they would have worn was found, but its features were too deteriorated to be identified. A photo of two men that was allegedly taken in 1975 reveals a picture of two men in Rio de Janeiro that bears a striking resemblance to Frank Morris and John Anglin. Another piece of evidence suggesting that the trio may have survived is a letter claimed to be written by John Anglin and received by San Francisco Police Department in 2013. It states, "If you announce on TV that I will be promised to just go to jail for no more than a year and get medical attention, I will write back to let you know exactly where I am. I am 83 years old and in bad shape. I have cancer." The letter asserts that all three made it out alive and that Frank Morris and Clarence Anglin died in 2008 and 2011, respectively. The FBI handwriting analysis proved inconclusive, adding more mystery to the 1962 escape. According to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, "Officially, no one ever succeeded in escaping from Alcatraz."

Because of its remarkable history, many movies have been made about Alcatraz. Several of these were filmed on location. One of the most notable is *Escape from Alcatraz*, the 1979 motion picture starring Clint Eastwood as Frank Morris. Based on the real-life escape of Morris and the Anglin brothers, the movie leads its viewers to conclude that the three men who escaped the prison walls and navigated the San Francisco Bay successfully are still at large. *Birdman of Alcatraz* stars Burt Lancaster as Robert Franklin Stroud, a notoriously violent criminal who was moved from Leavenworth to Alcatraz. He earned the nickname "Birdman" because he raised nearly

three hundred canaries at Leavenworth and published two books on bird disease. Other movies had scenes shot on Alcatraz, including a 1996 violent action thriller *The Rock*, the 2002 movie *Catch Me If You Can*, and the 2010 film *Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore*. Other movies like *X-Men: The Last Stand* had locations depicted as Alcatraz but were filmed elsewhere.

Nearly ten years after the prison closed its doors due to the huge expense to keep it running, Alcatraz became a part of the National Park Service's Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and in the fall of 1973, the National Park Service allowed tourists to visit the facility. Each year over one million visitors take the fifteen-minute ferry to the island from Pier 33 in San Francisco. Here they can see where the first lighthouse on the U.S. West Coast was built. Its current structure was rebuilt in 1909 after the 1906 earthquake destroyed its predecessor. Visitors to the island tour the gardens and admire the birds from which Alcatraz received its name: Isla de los Alcatraces, meaning island of the pelican or strange bird. Of course, the most notable attraction on the small island is the self-guided audio tour through the recreation yard, warden's home, and the cell house. Visitors can view the cell from which John Anglin escaped and even see his dummy head. Each summer people swim from Alcatraz to San Francisco in the Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon. Athletes jump from a ferry boat near the island and swim 1.5 miles to Marina Green Beach, where they grab their bikes and ride eighteen miles through the hilly region and sharp turns, followed by an eight-mile run under the Golden Gate Bridge and up the four-hundred-step Sand Ladder. Racing to the finish line, they are greeted by cheering fans, who witnessed their successful attempt to escape Alcatraz.



John Anglin's fake head used in his escape attempt from Alcatraz in 1962. Photograph by Federal Bureau of Investigation. 1962. Public Domain.

Source Text C

Alcatraz

Prison life in Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary was harsh. During 1934–1963 Alcatraz was a maximum security, minimum privilege prison, designed to teach incorrigible, violent inmates, as well as inmates who attempted to escape, to follow rules. If these prisoners reformed, they could be transferred to another prison to finish their sentences. The average time served on "The Rock," another name for Alcatraz, was five years. Most of the 1,576 prisoners were relatively unknown. However, there were a few exceptions. Al "Scarface" Capone, a famous gangster and Mafia leader from Chicago, attempted to manipulate the guards at Alcatraz because he had successfully used this tactic during his previous incarceration. In Atlanta Capone's prison cell was beautifully furnished and carpeted. Additionally, the guards would come and enjoy the programs playing on Capone's radio. In Alcatraz he had no such luck. Another notorious criminal, "Machine Gun" Kelly, was incarcerated in Leavenworth, Kansas, when he was overheard boasting about his plan to escape that prison, thus the transfer to Alcatraz. "Doc" Barker, a murderer and prisoner escapee from Tulsa, was sent to "The Rock" because he also was unwilling to reform. At Alcatraz all prisoners were expected to follow the rules, which included sticking to a strict schedule with minimal privileges. What may have been the most difficult part of their stay on "The Rock" was the location. Alcatraz Prison was so close to San Francisco that inmates could hear the people from the nearby yacht club celebrating at parties.

Because of the brutality of Alcatraz, thirty-six prisoners made escape attempts, some more than once. All but five men were recaptured, killed in the attempt, or

executed. While most prisoners accepted that Alcatraz was a fortress, some like Doc Barker died trying to escape. In 1939 he and four other inmates sawed through and bent bars before making it to the water's edge. Spotted by guards, three surrendered, but two were shot. Doc did not survive his wounds. Two years later John Bayless, working garbage detail, managed to make it to the shoreline. However, after wading into the cold water, he gave up. When appearing in an appeals court in nearby San Francisco, Bayless attempted another escape, but he was quickly recaptured. Of the five prisoners unaccounted for after their escape, two were most likely swept to sea on a stormy 1937 December night. The other three escaped in June 1962 and are still unaccounted for. Alcatraz closed three months after the 1962 prison break. Surprisingly, it was not closed on account of the escapes but because it was very costly to keep the prison operating.

Considering that there are so many stories of intriguing escape attempts and the fact that Alcatraz is located in beautiful San Francisco Bay, it is no surprise that many movies are shot with the island in the script. This is perhaps the reason for its continued fame and notoriety. Some, like the 1967 *Point Blank* and 1996 *The Rock*, both violent and mysterious, are not based on historical events. *Murder in the First* is loosely based on the story of Henri Young, one of the men who attempted escape with Doc Barker. The movie shows Young being placed in solitary confinement for three years and then after his release killing a fellow prisoner. His lawyer blames Alcatraz for the death, not Henri Young. However, the most famous movie based on real-life events is *Escape from Alcatraz*. Clint Eastwood plays the role of brilliant prisoner Frank Morris, who was the mastermind behind the June 11, 1962, escape. While officially

the three men are listed as missing and presumed drowned according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the movie leads its viewers to believe that the men survived.

Tours of Alcatraz started in 1973, 10.5 years after the prison closed. During those ten years, the question of what to do with the island was debated. Should it become a location for a West Coast statue like Lady Liberty? Should it be allowed to be claimed by Native Americans? A nineteen-month Native American occupancy that occurred from November 1969 to June 1971 seemed to indicate that this idea was plausible. Eventually, the island became part of the Golden Gate Recreational Area, and over a million tourists ferry over each year to one of San Francisco's most popular attractions. Visitors can see the seabirds nesting, enjoy the sights of the Bay, and step inside the prison walls to be guided on an audio tour of the cell block and prison cells where some of the nation's most dangerous criminals were kept.



Al Capone's mugshot when he was sent to prison. Mugshot by United States Bureau of Prisons. 17 June 1931. Public domain.



Unit 6 Composition Checklist

Week 9: Alcatraz

Summarizing Multiple References

Name:	Institute for Excellence in Writing Litter Speak Read Wilter Third
STRUCTURE	
□ name and date in upper left-hand corner	
□ composition double-spaced	
☐ title centered and repeats 1–3 key words from final sentence	
☐ topic-clincher sentences repeat or reflect 2–3 key words (highlight or bold)	
☐ checklist on top, final draft, rough draft, key word outline	
STYLE	
¶1 ¶2 ¶3 Dress-Ups (underline one of each)	
□ □ -ly adverb	
□ □ who/which clause	
□ □ strong verb	
□ □ because clause	
□ □ quality adjective	
□ □ www.asia clause	
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☐ end marks and punctuation	
□ complete sentences	
□ correct spelling	

