College writing is different from high school writing

This summer, The Cooper Union is offering a unique opportunity to get a head start on one of the most important aspects of your college career: writing and thinking at the college level.
How it works This program is in workshop format, with typically no more than 12 students in a group. Students receive individual attention in a supportive yet rigorous environment. During our sessions, students do hands-on, interactive work with a range of texts in the humanities and social sciences. Students will learn how to:

- Move beyond the limits of the five-paragraph essay
- Create critical arguments based upon close reading
- Develop arguments fully and completely
- Develop an approach to working with challenging texts
- Use writing as a means to generate analysis and sophisticated ideas
- Create writing that they are interested in
- Make writing more enjoyable and more productive

Cooper Union's unique approach The Summer Writing Program is modeled after the unique work we do at Cooper Union. Our approaches have been designed for students with a diversity of interests and learning styles. The Summer Writing Program develops skills crucial to college work in the liberal arts as well as scientific, technical, and studio-based majors.

Why it’s needed When students enter college, they are asked to move beyond the skills that got them there. Students are often surprised by the immediate demand for more sophisticated writing and thinking. Even the most accomplished high school writers can struggle when asked to write in new modes for new audiences, and less-confident writers can be overwhelmed. But college’s challenges should be exhilarating rather than intimidating. Our informed, knowledgeable approach to writing and thinking can provide students with tools for college success.

Schedule
The Cooper Union Summer Writing Program runs from July 9 through July 26, 2012. Classes meet Mondays through Thursdays, with two sessions each day—10 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm, with an hour lunch break.

Location
Classes are held in Cooper’s state-of-the-art, LEED-certified, Thom Mayne-designed building at 41 Cooper Square near Astor Place. Cooper Union is easily accessible by subway (the 6, N, and R), with easy connections from Grand Central, Penn Station, and PATH trains.

Costs
Tuition is $2500. Anticipate an additional $50 for required reading materials.

Registration
Space is limited. A non-refundable deposit of $500 is due by June 15. The balance is due by July 1.

For more information
Please visit: http://cooper.edu/academics/outreach-and-pre-college/summer-writing, email summerwritingprogram@cooper.edu, or call 212.353.4018.