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## SPEAKER WORKSHOPS

### **Literature and Our Teens: Social & Aesthetic Nourishment for Homeschooled Students**

Adolescents today are starving: they're aesthetically and culturally undernourished. Among the many culprits: Our poor use of literature throughout secondary education. Great works on high school reading lists are treated as mere boxes to checked off, and do students really learn to love Dickens in AP lit? — Our STEM students, moreover, will have few electives in college; the high school years may represent their real taste of literature. This homeschooling dad shows how we can use literature to nourish our teens, expand their emotional intelligence, and sharpen their insight into human relationships.

### **Beyond the Five-Paragraph Essay: Five Things About Writing Most Students are Never Taught**

Most students today are asked to write essays before they've actually read any. Worse, they're taught writing in highly artificial forms, like the five-paragraph essay — a kind of writing no one in the real world ever has to produce. This homeschooling dad has worked for thirty years as a writing consultant, and here he shares his practical perspective both on our students' real needs and on the classroom methods traditionally used to teach writing. He also shows parents five writing practices that our students need to master but are seldom taught.