

An Introduction to Writing & Literary Analysis with Grammar

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Location: First Baptist Fannin

Course Description:

This step by step class walks students through the process of writing essays and teaches the basics of analyzing literature. Students should become confident essay writers as they delve into the details of the essay-writing process. From thesis statements to transitions, introductions and conclusions, students will learn the building blocks of a well-crafted essay. The content for this class comes from the IEW method of writing and Teaching the Classics method from the Center for Literary Education. Students will also practice the basics of grammar through a unique study of the grammar in Robin Hood.

This class is re-designed each year with fresh examples, books, and assignments so that students may take the class multiple years without redundancy.

Student Text:

IEW's Fix It Grammar Robin Hood student book (or different Fix It Grammar if your student has already completed this one)

The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien

Night by Elie Wiesel

Grade Level: Middle School/High School

This formal writing class is created for beginning writers. There are no pre-requisites for this class. If your student has not had any experience in formal writing, this is the place to start regardless of grade level. This class is equal to one English Credit towards graduation. If you need help knowing how to label this class on a transcript, please feel free to contact me.

Class Fees:

\$320 (\$40 per month, \$160 per semester), \$20 supply fee

Supplies needed: 3 ring notebook, dividers, loose leaf paper, journal (can be a section of the notebook), pen, pencil

Grading Scale:

A	90-100	Superior Quality Work
B	80-89	Above Average Work
C	70- 79	Average Work
D	60- 69	Below Average Work
F	59-0	Failing

Grade Breakdown:

Class Participation:	10%
Homework:	20%
Notebook Checks:	20%
Papers:	25%
Tests:	25%

Absence Policy:

If absent, the student is responsible for contacting me about their missed assignments.

Late work:

Ten points will be deducted for each class period that an assignment is late unless student was absent or has contacted me in advance with a valid excuse.

Class Communications:

I will use the Remind app to keep students and parents updated on important information for this class.

About the Instructor:

My degree is in Journalism/Mass Communications with a specialization in Public Relations from Samford University. I have minors in history and religion. I have 26 hours towards my Masters of Arts in Christian Studies and expect to have it completed in 2023. I have homeschooled and taught other homeschooled children in co-op settings for 18 years. I have a child with dyslexia and love to partner with parents to turn learning difficulties into character strengths. I am passionate about teaching and I have a heart for preparing homeschoolers for all that God has intended for their lives!