



MIDDLE SCHOOL

2024-2025 CLASS INFORMATION

Course Title: 7th/8th Writing, Grammar, and Literature

Cost: \$450

Description:

This course allows students to delve into the excitement of modern world themed based writing while learning to write with the Structure and Style writing method. Students will learn note taking and outlines, writing from notes, summarizing a single reference and multiple references, writing from pictures, inventive writing, formal essays, and critiques. In class each week, students will learn new skills and build on those previously learned to complete their weekly at home writing assignments. They will learn new vocabulary and how to incorporate that into their writing.

Students will also read 4 literature books and complete assignments and class discussions from them. For the grammar portion of the course, students will complete Fix-It Grammar exercises. They will apply new grammar knowledge to their daily work, and the learned grammar skills into their own writing.

The Modern World History based book along with the Fix-It Grammar book will be used over a 2 year period. The goal for this is to give students a more in depth learning experience. Generous reviews will be given for those students coming into the class during this 2nd year of teaching.

Students must turn in all writing assignments typed. Parents can type their work for them, but students must complete the writing assignments themselves.

Prerequisites: Basic grammar and writing skills

Grade Level: 7th and 8th

Schedule: Thursdays, 8:30-10:00 am, 32 weeks beginning August 8

Class Size: 8 students minimum for class to form/20 students maximum

Required Textbooks: *Modern World History-Based Writing Lessons (Student Book Only)*, 2nd edition, Copyright 2020, ISBN 978-1-62341-331-6 **and** *Fix-It! Grammar: The Town Mouse and Country Mouse (Student Book 2)*, 2nd edition, Copyright 2020, ISBN 978-1-62341-359-0

Required Literature: "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis, "The 21 Balloons" by William Pene Dubois, "The Endless Steppe" by Esther Houtzie, "The Phantom Tollbooth" by Norton Juster

Supplies: Pens (any ink color), pencils, access to a printer, ½ inch binder with 1-2 pocket dividers for handouts, colored highlighters (at least 3 different colors), looseleaf paper

Instructor: Mrs. Amanda Griffith

