

MIDDLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS

(Writing, Grammar, Literature)

Grades 6 to 8

Course Description

Students in grades 6 to 8 are invited to join me as we learn to write outlines, paragraphs, stories and essays using Institute for Excellence in Writing's (IEW) *U.S. History-Based Writing Lessons*. I love teaching IEW and believe that this system provides the structure that students need to develop confidence in the writing process, while gradually guiding them toward greater independence and creativity. *U.S. History-Based Writing Lessons* can be adapted for simplified or advanced writers. We will alternate every other week with writing and literature. Our literature study will include reading *Holes*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *The Call of the Wild*, *White Fang*, *Wonder* and *Esperanza Rising*. Students will do the majority of their reading at home and spend class time discussing, analyzing, and doing fun activities related to the books. Each week we will also study grammar together using IEW's Fix it! Grammar curriculum.

Textbooks

For Writing: I will provide a student book, "U.S. History-Based Writing Lessons" by Lori Verstegen. This book has lessons geared towards homeschoolers that meet weekly, giving clear assignments and activities to be completed in class and at home. We will work through one lesson every other week during class time and students will be expected to complete the accompanying writing assignment at home during the week, turning in their work to me the following week. I will grade and give feedback on writing assignments but typically one on one time isn't possible in this kind of class setting. Parents are expected to work with their student throughout the week and edit the student's rough drafts.

For Literature and grammar: Parents will need to purchase or check out from the library the children's books listed above. I will provide student worksheets and activity packets as well as grammar papers.

Tuition

Deposit due at registration \$25 non-refundable paid directly to REACH
Due 9/6/23 - \$200 (\$150 tuition + \$50 non-refundable materials fee)
Due 1st day of Second semester - \$150 tuition
Total for Self-Pay (non-LAMP) = \$325
Total for LAMP = \$350 (\$50 materials fee must be paid directly to me)

LAMP families owe the yearly balance of what LAMP does not cover by 10/18/23 and are required to self-pay for any missed LAMP payments due to a student dropping after the third class or not meeting LAMP requirements during the semester.

AMY BOEKESTEIN

EDUCATION

B.S. in Biblical Studies at Kuyper College, Grand Rapids
B.A. in Elementary Education at Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids

EXPERIENCE

2 Paraprofessional at Moline Christian, Moline

Elementary teacher at Zion Christian, Byron Center

Homeschool mom

Kingdom Seekers teacher at Immanuel Fellowship Church, 7 years

Substitute teacher at local public and Christian schools, 2 years

Writing tutor at Reach since 2021

FAMILY

Married to Pastor Bill Boekestein, 20 years
4 children (18, 16, 14, 9)

CONTACT ME

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NEW THIS YEAR!

Self-pay (non-LAMP) families receive a \$25 tuition discount!

