

HIGH SCHOOL WRITING AND GRAMMAR

Grades 9-12

Course Structure

Students in grades 9 to 12 are invited to join me as we learn to write outlines, paragraphs, stories and essays using Institute for Excellence in Writing's (IEW) *Medieval History-Based Writing Lessons: Implementing the Structure and Style Writing Method* by Lori Verstegen.

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. Students who have studied IEW for multiple years are welcome and can look forward to meeting higher expectations from day one. Students who are new to this way of writing are also welcome and will appreciate the gradual, incremental approach as we work our way through all nine units while learning about medieval themes and people as we go. Vocabulary words will be introduced each week. Students will be expected to memorize definitions and utilize the words in their written compositions. Each week I will teach one very brief lesson of grammar using IEW's *Fix it! Grammar* curriculum. We will complete Day 1 of the lesson in class together and students will complete days 2-4 in their workbook at home.

Textbooks

For Writing: Parents need to purchase **Medieval History-Based Writing Lessons Student Book** by Lori Verstegen. This can be purchased from IEW.com or from Christianbook.com for \$35. 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 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 highly encouraged to edit the student's rough drafts.**

For Literature: Please note that if a separate literature course is not being taken, I will give students a suggested reading list that corresponds to this class and reading is highly encouraged.

For Grammar: Parents need to purchase **Fix it! Grammar: Mowgli and Shere Kahn Student Book Level 4** by Pamela White. This can be purchased from IEW.com or christianbook.com for \$19.

Tuition

Deposit due at registration \$25 non-refundable paid directly to REACH
Tuition for 1 year=\$400 for self-pay families.
Tuition for 1 year=\$425 for LAMP families

LAMP families owe the yearly balance of what LAMP does not cover by 10/18/24 and are required to self-pay for any missed LAMP payments or not meeting LAMP requirements during the semester.

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EDUCATION

B.S. in Biblical Studies at
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B.A. in Elementary
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EXPERIENCE

Paraprofessional at Moline
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Elementary teacher at
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Homeschool mom

Girls' Club teacher at
Immanuel Fellowship
Church, 7 years

Youth group leader

Substitute teacher at local
public and Christian
schools, 2 years

Writing /literature tutor at
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FAMILY

Married to Pastor Bill
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DISCOUNT

Self-pay families receive a
\$25 tuition discount!