

# Language Arts

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“Words satisfy the soul as food satisfies the stomach; the right words on a person's lips bring satisfaction.”  
~ Proverbs 18:20

**11th - 12th Grades  
(9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> with my  
personal approval)**

2 Semester Class  
**Winter & Fall 2022/23**

HS 1 credit

- ❖ Learning how to write isn't just about developing writing skills. It's also a way of training your mind to think.
- ❖ Writing sharpens your creativity and imagination.
- ❖ Writing skills are linked to reading skills and overall academic achievement.
- ❖ Good writing skills increases your level of confidence.

In this class you will become more skilled in the different stages of the writing process such as:

- ~ generating ideas, planning and organizing,
- ~ rough-draft writing,
- ~ revising, refining, and proofreading essays.

You will also learn research skills and following appropriate documentation style in citing sources.

You will learn how to produce writing necessary for success in your academic, college and employment pursuits.



## **Books & Materials:**

### **Student needs to purchase for class...**

1. A 3-ring Binder with 4 dividers.
2. Method of saving material (flash drive, iCloud, Google drive etc.). Please be sure to save all drafts, including my feedback to all your drafts.
3. Student email account for communication and paper/assignment submissions.
4. You must be able to submit assignments in *Microsoft Word*. *Google Docs* or its equivalent are not acceptable alternatives.

## **Class Fees:**

**Due September 8, 2022:**

**\$350 Tuition**

**No Materials Fee** (Additional Financial Policies on Back)

“The Six Golden Rules of Writing: Read, read, read, and write, write, write.” ~ Ernest Gaines

### **Meet the Tutor:**

Carl Ross, Jr., has a MFA in Creative Writing from Western Michigan University. His family attends Christ Tabernacle Church in Cassopolis, Michigan. Mr. Ross has three children, two girls and one boy, ages 16, 11, and 7. They all attend Kalamazoo Christian where Mr. Ross has served as school board secretary and as a substitute teacher and events volunteer. He has also served on various educational and administrative committees for Kalamazoo Christian, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, and Western Michigan University.

Mr. Ross also loves helping students share their thoughts in writing, but he can also relate to students' fears in doing this because he was also not a great writer himself, simply because he was not a good reader. To help with this, Mr. Ross loves quoting Saul Bellow: "A writer is a reader moved to emulation." Put another way, Proverbs 1:5 says, "Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance." Mr. Ross understands that successful young writers read more than they write because reading is the language where they will find inspiration to emulate. Reading is listening to wise words, so crucial for guidance in critical thinking and writing skills--there's just no other way to gain these skills. Mr. Ross has also taught this sound principle to students for over 17 years, and he hopes to do the same for your child or children.

## **Financial Policies**

### **Tuition Policy:**

Tuition for this class is \$350.00. This is a nonrefundable payment and is expected in full to Mr. Ross by September 8, 2022.

### **Late Payments & Refunds:**

Late payments will be charged a \$10.00 late fee for each week the payment is late.

If the class is dropped before the 3rd week of class a prorated tuition refund will be given, after this day no refunds will be given.

### **LAMP Students**

I will accept LAMP funds as payment for the tuition fee.

- Please submit the \$350 tuition fee to LAMP.
- As soon as you know LAMP's monthly payment, please notify me by email ([ross.carl@gmail.com](mailto:ross.carl@gmail.com)).
- Any LAMP tuition shortages must be paid by October 20, 2022.
- Any missed monthly payments from LAMP will be charged to the family and **due** no later than the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Anything after that will receive a late fee.
- If a student drops the class, the remaining tuition payment for the semester is expected within a week of the student leaving the class.

If the student completes **this class**, he/she may **earn 1 high school credit** for Language Arts.