



WEST HARPETH CHRISTIAN TUTORIAL

English 8

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Prerequisites:

- none



Course Description

English 8 includes a full literature and writing experience with a comprehensive grammar review.

Literature topics covered include short stories and various elements of fiction, poetry and various literary devices, one play, and one novel.

Grammar topics covered include the 8 parts of speech, sentence structure, punctuation, etc.

Writing topics will include descriptive, narrative, expository, and persuasive paragraphs and essays.

The intent for English 8 is to help the oldest middle school students build the skills and work ethic they need for their high school English courses.

Books & Supplies

- **Write Source, 8th grade**, 2009 edition (pink cover) ISBN - 978-0-669-00645-2
- **The Witch of Blackbird Pond** by Elizabeth George Speare
- 1-1.5 inch 3 ring binder, with three dividers labeled LITERATURE, WRITING, and GRAMMAR.
- A couple of colored pens, pencils, or highlighters for peer editing.
- A thesaurus and dictionary are recommended for at-home use. (Print or digital version is fine.)

Commitment

- This course is offered on Thursdays.
- Students will have some homework every week. For grammar, they will either be doing some practice worksheets or exercises from the textbook, which will take a relatively small amount of time (max 30 minutes or so). For writing, they will be working on various steps of the writing process for their current assignment at home (prewriting, rough draft, editing, final copy, etc.). Recommended time for this would be about 20 minutes of work about 2-3x a week. For literature, they will be reading the weekly assignments and taking the quiz. The reading time will vary somewhat, but on average they may have about 45 minutes -1 hour of reading per week. The weekly literature comprehension quiz on Schoology takes about 3-4 minutes to complete.

A typical class will look like...

During class, our time is spent going over homework, sometimes taking notes (I use a fill-in-the-blank format), discussing the literature, introducing and working on writing assignments, and reviewing grammar concepts.

Quarter tests are given in literature and grammar on the last day of each quarter in class (with the exception of the 3rd quarter, which is handled differently due to the group project).