



English 7

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Prerequisites:

- This course is recommended for our 7th grade students.
- Students need to have had basic Language Arts coursework previously.
- Please contact the tutor with any questions about your child's readiness for this course.
- This course will focus intermediate grammar. Students should have a basic understanding of parts of speech and parts of sentences.



Course Description:

English 7 is an adventure! We'll journey through Middle Earth, Nova Scotia, Mexico, California, and the moors of England in our books this year. I can't wait to discover the themes, literary devices, symbols and motifs of these great books with your students. Our discussions will be lively and thought-provoking! Each week, students will write "reading journal pages," which include summaries of the reading as well as a thoughtful response to themes and virtues they see in the reading.



Commitment:

- This course meets once per week.
- Students will complete online grammar assignments weekly.
- Students need access to Google Docs or Microsoft Word (or similar) to type their papers.
- Students will write a weekly reading journal page.
- Students will have 4 papers per year.
- Students will read 2-3 chapters of their novels per week.
- Students will memorize 2 poems and recite them to the tutor.



A typical class will look like...

Each class will start with attendance and prayer. Students will complete a fill-in-the-blank style poem and take a short multiple-choice quiz on the reading (5-10 min). Then we will cover our grammar lesson for the week, writing instruction, and finish in a "reading circle" to discuss the chapters we read that week.

I like to keep a casual, fun atmosphere in class, so that students enjoy coming and learning together. However, I do expect students to be respectful of each other, myself, and the texts we will read.



Books and Supplies

<u>The Hound of the Baskervilles</u> by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (any edition)	<u>Anne of Green Gables</u> by Lucy Maude Montgomery (unabridged)	Grammar and Writing curriculum <u>provided by tutor</u> ; students must have access to the Internet to complete the weekly homework
<u>The Hobbit</u> by JRR Tolkien (unabridged)	<u>Esperanza Rising</u> by Pam Muñoz Ryan (any edition)	<u>Basic school supplies</u> : binder, pens, pencils, paper, highlighters, etc...