



English 8

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Prerequisites:

- This course is our entry-level English course recommended for our 8th grade students.
- Please contact the tutor with any questions about your child's readiness for this course.



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, one novel, and a few short nonfiction selections. 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.



Commitment:

- This course is offered once a week.
- Students will have some homework every week. For grammar, they will be doing some practice worksheets, 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 to 1 hour of reading per week. The weekly literature comprehension quiz on Schoology takes about 3-4 minutes to complete.



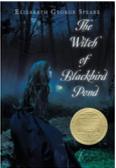
A typical class will look like...

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).



Books and Supplies

<p><u>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</u>, by Elizabeth George Speare</p> 	<p>1-1.5 inch 3-ring binder, with three dividers labeled LITERATURE, WRITING, and GRAMMAR.</p>	<p>A couple of colored pens, pencils, or highlighters for peer editing.</p>	<p>A thesaurus and dictionary are recommended for at-home use. (Print or digital version is fine)</p>
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