

# Linda Redamonti

## Writing Courses



### **Personal Statement**

All homeschool programs need to include a solid, Writing and Language Arts component. Unfortunately, many homeschool curriculums are lacking in this important area. Various curriculums may offer a chapter or two about writing instruction and even break down the writing elements into various assignments, but they leave the teaching aspect vague and unaddressed.

I am a writing teacher with over 30 years of experience and have successfully taught writing to students at every level including K-college in several arenas such as public, Montessori and homeschool venues.

My method for writing instruction is “hands-on.” I regularly work with the students each week, planning their writing and essay pieces with them, walking them through the “brainstorm-to-final draft” process which is kept in an online portfolio. I modify my courses according to the needs of the students in order to ensure the best possible outcome for each of them. I also teach the classical, rhetorical skills necessary for composition in a friendly, encouraging way so that students develop in these techniques which then become second-nature in their own writing. Similarly, in my “younger” classes, I use a comparable approach where I engage the class to participate, (together), in brainstorming ideas from which their paragraphs are written. All of the writing courses are tiered in such a way that students confidently move through the entire writing process; and along the way, they develop their own “voice” in written expression.

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### **Primary Grades Writing/Language Arts**

I am offering a primary school level Writing/Language Arts course which will introduce students to writing sentences, to learning cursive and spelling as well as to learning how to compose simple answers about reading passages using full sentences. This course focuses on foundational, basic writing skills; however, the course is taught from the primary school perspective. Students enjoy the course, and it gives them confidence in early language arts skills and provides a foundation for their writing and expression which they can carry forward into their subsequent language arts courses.

### **The Writing Course for Primary Grades includes:**

- \* Regular instruction and practice with cursive
- \* Regular practice with composing correct sentences based on spelling words
- \* Regular practice with answering short questions from reading passages using full sentences
- \* Practice composing summary writing together by practicing “re-telling” a story in full sentences
- \* Students also illustrate favorite parts of the story and write captions for their drawings.

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**Reading Instruction:**

- \* Courses in reading instruction are available to work with students on phonics and decoding skills until reading mastery is achieved. These courses are also supplemented with cursive instruction since this aids in reading fluency.

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### Middle School

I am offering a middle school level writing course which will meet students at their abilities and will introduce them to the writing genre helping them to overcome any apprehension they may have about writing. This course focuses on foundational, basic writing skills which are necessary for composition; however, the course is taught from the middle school perspective.

The instruction for the middle school course covers the writing process basics for middle school grades beginning with sentence structure, punctuation and organization of ideas into paragraphs. Students are taught the method of “brainstorming” for ideas and then taught how to compose those ideas into logical paragraphs and compositions with sensible transitions.

Throughout the course, students will compile a portfolio which can be stored in an online format (of the parents’ choice.) The following traditional genres of writing will be taught in an age-appropriate way that speaks to the student:

- \* Narrative Writing
- \* Illustrative Writing
- \* Comparison/ Contrast
- \* Descriptive Writing
- \* Journaling
- \* Book Report
- \* Introduction to Essay
- \* Introduction to Research Paper
- \* Students will also be taught grammar and have grammar assignments and homework which will be incorporated into their writing.

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### **Middle School, cont.**

All work will be graded and returned, regularly. Students may be asked to correct their writing for improvement. Corrections will be given by the teacher as well as specific suggestions for improvement.

- \* Most of the writing that is done in this course will be introduced in the class and composed “together” in order to model the writing and to help students feel confident about mastering the writing genre. If writing homework is given, it will be revised together in order to model the writing and to help students achieve mastery.
- \* The one-hour classes will cost \$30 per student. Classes will be weekly.
- \* Optional, individual conference times are available for extra help with writing, as needed.
- \* Payments can be made through PayPal or Venmo.

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### High School Grades

I am offering a high school level writing course which will meet students at their abilities and will bring them to their full potential. This course focuses on foundational, writing skills and writing genres which are foundational to composition in upper grades and in college writing.

The instruction for this course covers the writing process inherent to high school and college composition and is applied to the writing genres below. All of the genres will include emphasis on sentence structure, punctuation and organization of ideas into paragraphs. Themes will be tailored to an older, high-school audience. Students will be taught the method of “brainstorming” for ideas and then taught how to compose those ideas into logical paragraphs and essays with sensible transitions.

Throughout the course, students will compile a portfolio which can be stored in an online format (of the parents’ choice.) The following traditional genres of writing will be taught with topics that speaks to the students’ interests:

- \* Narrative Writing
- \* Research Paper
- \* Comparison/Contrast
- \* Rhetorical Devices such as Parallel structure
- \* Cause & Effect
- \* Regular journaling
- \* Illustrative Writing
- \* Descriptive Writing
- \* Definition Essay
- \* Persuasive Essay

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### High School Grades, cont.

- \* Students will also be taught grammar and have grammar assignments and homework which will be incorporated into their writing. The grammar will be tailored to their needs as shown in their writing.
- \* Students will compose journal entries or will compose editorial summaries of famous quotations. A topic or a famous quotation will be provided. All work will be graded and returned, regularly. Students will be asked to correct their writing for improvement. Corrections will be given by the teacher as well as specific suggestions for improvement.
- \* The one-hour, online and in-person classes will cost \$30 per student.
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### Writing About Literature

I am offering a writing course designed to teach students how to analyze and to write about literature. The writing instruction will focus on how to write about specific aspects of literature including, (but not limited to), *Character Analysis, Point of View, Setting, Specific Problems Presented by the Plot, Theme and Conflict.*

Students will read online short stories and short books provided by the instructor as the foundation of each piece of writing. Some of these texts will be read together for discussion purposes in order to plan the writing, and some will be assigned for students to read before coming together.

- \* Questions about the plot will be regularly addressed, together in class.
- \* Historical and biographical information about the author and their lives will also be included to give context to the author's perspective and setting for the works.
- \* Students will also be taught grammar, as needed, which will be incorporated into their writing.
- \* All work will be graded and returned, regularly. Students may be asked to correct their writing for improvement. Suggestions for improvement will be provided and discussed with the student.
- \* Student compositions will be shared and read to the group for discussion and for modeling of exemplary work.
- \* The one-hour classes will cost \$30 per student. Classes will be once a week.
- \* Optional, individual conference times are available for extra help with writing as needed.
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### **Writing About Literature, (primary and younger readers)**

I am offering a writing course designed to teach younger students how to enjoy and discuss books together. Books for this course are chosen for their fun and delightful themes. We do vocabulary and plot questions together each week. Short writing assignments are also done together and kept in an online format.

- \* **Writing topics** are taken from the works but are designed to teach topic sentence, writing with examples and correct mechanics. These are outlined together in class. Sometimes students will write their paragraphs as homework, but often they are written together.
- \* **Historical and biographical information** about the author and their lives will also be included to give context to the author's perspective and setting for the works.
- \* **Grammar & Mechanics** will also be taught as needed and will be incorporated into their writing.
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