

Writer's Camp- Summer Course

Summer 2011, Webworks

½ year course (meets 13 times)

For parents and children of any age

Course Tutor:

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Course Description:

Beginning at the paragraph level, students will learn to write with strong topic and wrap up sentences, developing the main idea through examples and explanations. Using color coding, students will begin to see the organizational structure of the paragraph before moving to the formal essay. We will develop five paragraph essays around a thesis statement and enumerations, again using color coding to develop the organization and elaboration. Sophisticated sentence structure and word choices tracked through even more color coding, provides the student confidence to produce formal essays for core curriculum classes in the school year. Finally, we will write a short story following a story arc and developing character, setting, and conflict with a balance of narrative and dialogue. Students will work in peer evaluation relationships through forum posts. The instructor will advise and guide through in-class revision and editing demonstrations. Rubrics provide an assessment of writing skills to track areas of strength and weakness.

Research writing is not included in this course.

Course Prerequisites:

None

Required Texts:

No text required for this course.

Required Supplies:

3-ring notebook with 13 session dividers

paper

Microsoft Word (Open Office is fine, but I need files saved as .doc or .docx docs.)

Tutor Bio:

I came to know the Lord at five years old but lacked solid teaching and discipleship until after my husband Todd and I were married in 1989 and had our first child in 1991. It is our pleasure to have four children. We have two girls, 16 and 14, and two boys, 14 and 10. We are blessed.

Education & Experience:

I hold a B.S. in English Education with a minor in psychology and a drama concentration from Liberty University. I have been certified previously by the State of Virginia and the American Association of Church Schools, and have 18 CEU's in computer application software. I also attended New Tribes Bible Institute and New Tribes Missions Institute in the late 1990s before we became missionaries in the training program with New Tribes Bible Institute in Jackson, MI. 2011-2012 will be my thirteenth year with the HomeSchool Works programs.

I have learned what works and what doesn't and how to individualize instruction for students and families with diverse needs. I look forward to partnering with you to meet your family's needs.