



GRACE & TRUTH
CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2025 Academic Year
Course Descriptions

Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW)

What is IEW?

IEW provides English writing courses which train students to become confident and competent communicators and thinkers.

Using the four language arts – listening, speaking, reading, and writing – IEW methods have been proven to be effective for students of all ages and levels of ability, including those who are gifted, have special needs, or are English language learners.*

Listen. Speak. Read. Write. Think!

IEW – People & Places (Grade 1-2)

While writing compositions with stylistic techniques and six of IEW’s nine structural units, students will get to know the workers who keep a community running smoothly—from firefighters and police officers to road crews and rescue workers.

In our weekly classes the teacher will introduce the new concepts, create sample key word outlines, brainstorm ideas, and use games and activities to enforce learning.

At home the parent will help the student complete the writing assignment and follow the checklist. If they are still learning to write, they may even want to allow the student to dictate their work while the parent writes and then the student can copy. This student workbook also comes with a teacher’s e-book so the parent’s will have access to all of the information to help their students. Parents are also welcome to sit in the class.

Required Student Workbook: IEW People and Places in Our Community First Edition, September 2017



IEW – Fables, Myths, and Fairy Tales Writing Lessons (Grades 3-5)

Let your students' imaginations soar while enjoying classic children's tales and learning to write with structure and style!

A wide variety of adventures will supply a rich foundation for imaginative and enjoyable writing. Your students will work through IEW Units 1-7 as they learn to take notes, retell narrative stories, summarize references, write from pictures, and compose their own fables, myths, and fairy tales.

This Student Book includes assignments, blank outlines, source texts, checklists, vocabulary cards, and grammar helps.

Class Time

In our weekly class the teacher will introduce concepts, work with the class to create a keyword outline (KWO) and help the students understand their assignment for the week. Students will hand in a Final Draft to be marked and edited by the teacher according to the checklist. They will then have a chance to polish their work.

What is expected at home?

Homework will generally take about 30 minutes a day four days a week. Parents should use the student workbook to make sure the student understands the assignment, finishes the brainstorming and they should go over the checklist to make sure work is complete and labelled correctly before being handed in. Parents are requested to mark the Polished Drafts (or Magnum Opus Drafts) to make sure the student has benefited from the teacher's edits and made the necessary corrections. Parents can also make sure the students keep their work organized and filed in such a way that their polished draft notebook can be read and appreciated by all.

Required Student Workbook: IEW Fables, Myths, and Fairy Tales Writing Lessons 3rd Edition, May 2019

Medieval History-Based Writing Lessons (Dialectic Grades 6-10)

From the Anglo-Saxons to the Renaissance, from chivalrous knights to Genghis Khan, students will improve their knowledge of medieval times while learning to write with structure and style. This theme-based writing curriculum works through all of IEW's Units 1-9. Students learn to take notes, retell narrative stories, summarize references, write from pictures, compose essays, and more. Includes vocabulary cards, literature suggestions, and access to helpful PDF downloads.

What is expected at home?

Homework will generally take about 30-60 minutes a day four days a week. Students are expected to format their essays according to instructions. Listening in class to instructions and remembering them is a skill that students are expected to learn throughout the year. Class notes will only be communicated to the parent through the first term as students get used to the structure of the class. After that, the teacher may be contacted for clarification if instructions need further explanation or are forgotten.

Parents should use the student workbook to make sure the student understands the assignment, finishes the brainstorming and writes according to the checklist. Parents should make sure work is complete and labelled correctly before being handed in. Parents are requested to review the Polished Drafts (or Magnum Opus Drafts) to make sure the student has benefited from the teacher's edits and made the necessary corrections before being handed in a second time. Parents can also make sure the students keep their work organized and filed in such a way that their polished draft notebook can be read and appreciated by all.

If a student is taking this class for high school credit, their grades will be factored in this way: 20% class participation, 60% homework (final draft checklist marks), 20% polished drafts. If a student is wanting to go to University with an American High School Diploma please bear in mind that they should be averaging 87% in all of their subjects from grade 9-12. The grades for this class will count as .5 English credit and the Literature class will make up the other .5 English credit.

Teacher:

In-Person & Online: **Mrs Ulrike Kruger**, has a Bachelor of Education in Intermediate and Senior Phase from CPUT (Wellington) and a Bachelor of Education Honours in English Language Education from North West University (Potchefstroom). Prior to becoming a stay-at-home mom of her boys, Joshua and Ezra, she was a primary school teacher. Her husband studies Theology, so she has benefited from editing her fair share of research papers over the past few years. She loves to serve in various ways at Antioch Bible Church, and creates polymer clay earrings for her home business in her spare time.

Required Student Workbook: IEW Medieval History-Based Writing Lessons 5th Edition

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