



HUAXIA Chinese School

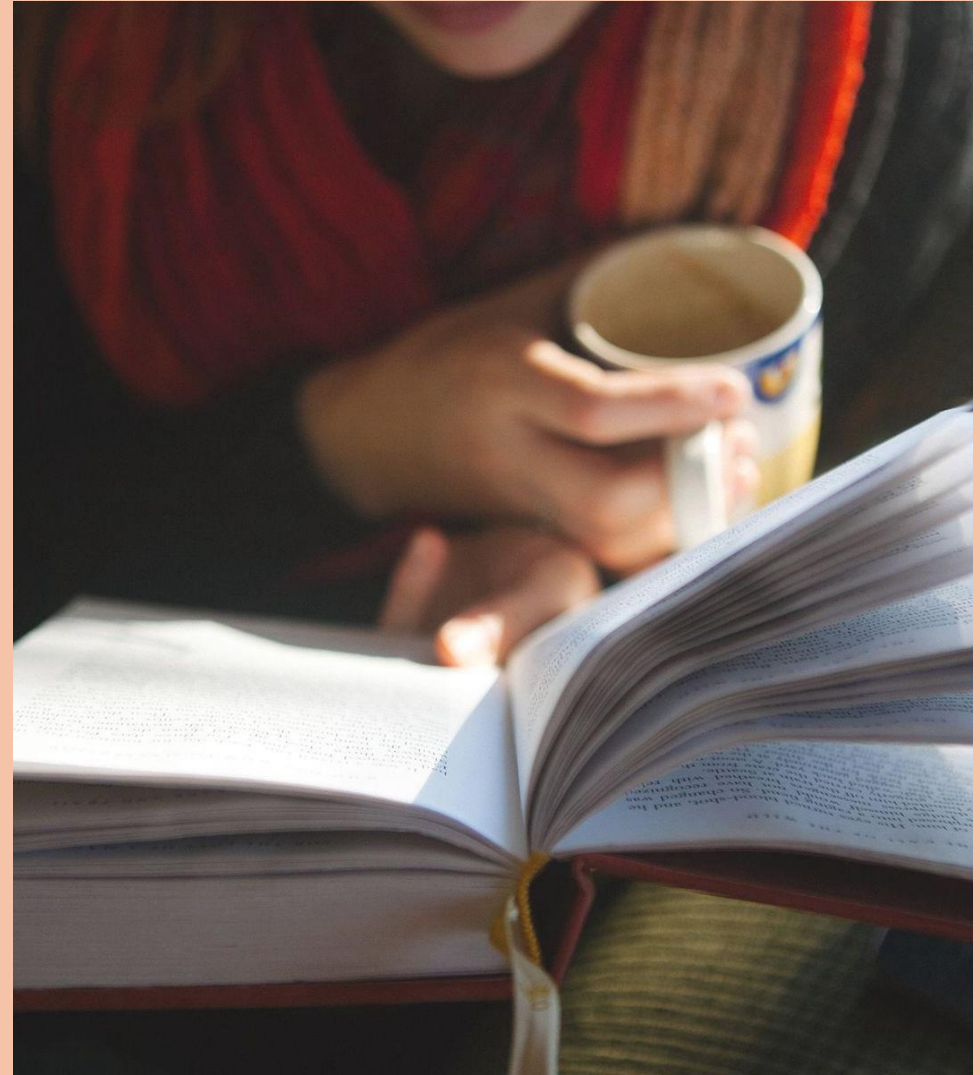
Classes by Miss Lisa Walter

Saturday & Sunday

About the teacher: Miss Lisa Walters

Miss Walters holds a degree in English Literature, Magna Cum Laude, from University of Houston, where she also taught freshman English.

Born and raised in Houston, Texas, she is a teacher and private tutor with 10 years of experience.





Saturday:

For Better Reading and Writing (6-8 grade) **2-semester class; in-person/online**

9: 00~11: 00am

In this class, each writing assignment starts with reading a text that students will then model their own writing after. In this way, students will see many styles of writing and be challenged to practice writing in the same way, to the high standard set by the model text, with plenty of time to carefully craft and edit each piece. Teacher and students will share their completed work so that everyone can learn and grow from each other's' example as well as practice presenting their work to a group.

Laptops are required for in-person students.

Wordly Wise (Various Grades; 2-semester class; in-person only)

11:00~3:00pm (Gr3-6)

Wordly Wise 3000® is a time-tested language enrichment system designed to expand critical grade-level vocabulary and improve reading comprehension. Through both textbook and online study resources, the program incorporates context clues, word study (Greek and Latin roots, prefixes and suffixes, and synonyms and antonyms), reading comprehension, and writing. Students come away from the program better prepared for the reading, vocabulary and writing they will encounter in grade-level literature, textbooks, and standardized tests.

Wordly Wise textbooks will be provided. *In-person Only* *Laptop required*

Saturday

Learn to Like Writing (and Get Better at it!)

(Grades 5-6; 2-semester class; in-person/online)

3:00~5:00pm

Does your young student claim to hate writing? Do you notice your young student has very little to say in writing, or has trouble staying on topic? Or maybe your young student is very interested in creative writing but you don't know how to nurture their potential. This class is your answer! It is specially designed to get students writing with zeal, while also teaching them good writing foundations. Students will learn to create interesting characters, believable plots, and persuasive arguments. They will see examples of good writing to inspire them, with ample time to write and feedback as they go in every class. They will also get experience sharing and discussing their work with peers, creating a no-fear writing attitude.

Laptops are required for in-person students.

Sunday:

Timed Writing (Grades 6-8; 2-semester class; in-person/online)

11:00~12:30am

Think fast! Does your student struggle when they have 25 minutes and a page or two to fill with their writing? This class is designed to help students improve their writing in timed, in-class settings. Students will practice styles of composition including free write, descriptive, summary, character analysis, literary analysis, compare/contrast, 5-paragraph, argumentative, personal, history, and expository essays. Timed writings will range from 10 to 50 minutes, and students and the teacher will share their work through every stage of the process, from brainstorming through completed compositions, in order to learn and grow in confidence as they encounter new examples and ideas.

Laptops are required for in-person students.

Upper Level Reading (Grades 8-10; 2-semester class; in-person/online)

12:30~2:30Pm

Amateur hour is over; time to push our reading to the next level! In this class, students get practice in reading the kind of old or difficult texts featured on the SAT, ACT, and AP exams. Using resources from Shakespeare to poetry to political texts, this class helps students strengthen reading stamina, increase vocabulary in context skills, and overall be better equipped to succeed in school assignments and on tests that require high-level reading comprehension. This is the class for students who “need to read more”.

Laptops are required for in-person students.

Sunday

Literary Analysis and Essay Writing

(Grades 8-10; 2-semester class; in-person/online)

3:00~5:00pm

When we read something and from it gain an insight or understanding about ourselves or the world around us, it is a rewarding experience. But when a student is expected to uncover insights in any text presented to them and write a thoughtful essay about it, it can be a fraught and frustrating experience. Let's fix that! In this class, we will cover high-school level topics, with daily in-class readings, writing, and editing workshops, to show students how to uncover meaning in what they read and produce writing that impresses teachers with their insights.

Laptops are required for in-person students.

