

2026-2027

## 7th-8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts - Literature and Persuasive Writing

This complete writing curriculum teaches students to overcome the three challenges all writers face: coming up with something to say, arranging ideas properly, and finding the right words. Through a strategic return to thought patterns, this curriculum will shape your student's ability to think, read, write, and communicate. We will purposely limit the amount of reading to give students the time to work on their writing skills. LTW features 8 essays and a review lesson. Our first year, we will read 10 carefully chosen books to teach partway through the curriculum. The next year we will use new literature to review lessons, and then finish the curriculum. We will also introduce short stories and short story writing the second year. Attendance and completed weekly assignments are expected due to class discussions of the literature books and the writing skills being taught.

### SKILLS TAUGHT:

Writing: Basic Essay Writing\*Schemes\*Tropes\*

Editing\*Exordium\*Division\*Narratio\*Thesis\*Proofs\*Arguments\*Refutation\*Conclusion\*Amplification

Thinking: Material

Logic\*Definition\*Comparison\*Circumstance\*Testimony\*Relationship\*Formal

Logic:Sorting

Class size: 8 minimum, 15 maximum

Required Textbooks: Lost Tools of Writing 1 ( \$47) \*used 1st year and 2nd year of 7th/8th grades and part of 9th- 12th grades) \*Students MUST have the student edition and bring it to class. It is HIGHLY recommended parents invest in the Teacher Edition. ( \$87)

<https://circeinstitute.org/lost-tools-writing/>

Required Literature: TBD (must be brought to class)

Supplies: paper, some sort of binder, folder with pockets, pencils, pack of assorted highlighters

Instructor: Mrs. Lisa Stalling

