



2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Literature Discussion 6 GVL

All sixth grade classes must be taken as a package. This is one of four classes in the package.

Combined with IEW 1 for 6th Grade, this is a complete English Language Arts course for middle school students.

Grades: 6th Grade

Fees: One Day Model: \$720 for 6th grade package of 4 classes Two Day Model: \$1440 for 6th grade package of 4 classes

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Purchase Each Required Title on Booklist:

- *The Shakespeare Stealer* by Gary Blackwood (Lexile score 840) **Summer Homework:** To be read by the first day of class in September
- *Amos Fortune, Free Man* by Elizabeth Yates (Lexile score 1090)
- *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry (670)

- Poetry Selections: Provided by the teacher
- [*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*](#) by CS Lewis (Lexile score 940)
- [*Hatchet*](#) by Gary Paulsen (Lexile score 1020)
- [*Where the Red Fern Grows*](#) by Wilson Rawls (Lexile score 700)

After each book (except for poetry and drama, which are rated differently), you can find the Lexile score, which is an estimate of the reading level for each book. You can learn more about Lexile scoring, what it means, and how to use it [here](#).

Course Description

The purpose of this class is to help the students expand their knowledge of literary terms, their depth of understanding of the author's viewpoint, and to compare and contrast each book to a Biblical understanding of the world. Class time will be spent note taking, discussing and challenging the students' thought processes, and integrated group activities. We will refer to different sections of the books and read them aloud for a better understanding. Students will need to possess a copy of each book, which the student will bring to class, but you may also listen to the audio version if needed. The class will be taught on an advanced thinking level. Even if your student has read a book listed, being in a book study will open up another world to them when discussing the content of the book.

To be successful in this class:

All students should expect to read at least seven to eight chapters a week in preparation for class. Students also will complete vocabulary, worksheets, assigned projects, and journaling for homework to enhance comprehension and improve critical thinking skills. Homework is to be done every week with parental supervision; there will be no exceptions. Students who aren't prepared for discussion each week will be at a disadvantage.

Homework: Students will be assigned homework on non co-op weekdays.

- **One Day Model** students should expect homework assignments 3 or 4 days per week.

- **Two Day Model** students should expect homework assignments 2 or 3 days per week.

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Meet Tonya Alfonso

Education: Bachelor's of Art in English & Secondary Education from Palm Beach Atlantic University and Masters in Language Arts from Converse University.

Teaching Experience: Tonya has taught at Easley Home Educators Co-op from 1997- 2021.

Homeschooling Experience: Homeschooled her children from 1995- 2021.

UHC Courses Taught: 6th Grade Literature Discussion

Began teaching at UHC in 2025.

