

Language Arts through Literature: Adventures and Sleuthing

Instructor: Denise Tullos

Grade: 6th-8th

Fees: \$35/month tuition, **PLUS** a one-time \$35 material fee for the year which will cover copy and curriculum fees.

Course Description: In this 6th-8th grade Language Arts Through Literature class, students will study vocabulary, parts of speech, classifying sentences, literary devices, finding contextual evidence to support conclusions, and learn to write various types of essays. We will strive for this goal throughout the year by diving into thrilling adventure stories in the first semester, and in the second semester we will read mystery stories where we will use sleuthing and reasoning skills to draw valid conclusions. By studying these many components of reading language arts, students should become more confident readers and writers.

Text:

- * *Raiders from the Sea* by Lois Walfrid Johnson
- * *Escape Into the Night (Freedom Seekers)* by Lois Walfrid Johnson
- * *The Story of the Other Wise Man* by Henry Van Dyke
- * and 2 more mystery adventure stories to be determined.

Supplies to purchase and bring to class each week: 4 three-ring 1 -inch binders, loose leaf paper, mechanical pencils, and a highlighter.

Homework: There will be about 30 minutes of homework each day to include reading, reading comprehension, and a writing activity.

Tutor Background: Denise Tullos received her Bachelors of Science degree in Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude, from the University of North Dakota. She is married to Owen, a wonderful God-fearing and loving husband, who is actively serving as an attorney in the United States Air Force but preparing to retire here in Oklahoma. Before starting a family, Mrs. Tullos taught in Christian schools for six years. She began teaching homeschool in 2005. They have four children ages 26, 23, 16 and 14 who have all attended their family homeschool. Their older two children are pursuing the paths the Lord has for them as an attorney and an ultrasound technologist. Over the course of 30 years and 12 moves, life has taken them on wonderful adventures all over the world. They have trusted that God is with them wherever they go, that His ways are best, and that His creation is marvelous! When Mrs. Tullos is not teaching, she enjoys reading, studying the Bible (especially women's Bible studies), hiking, and playing games with her family.