

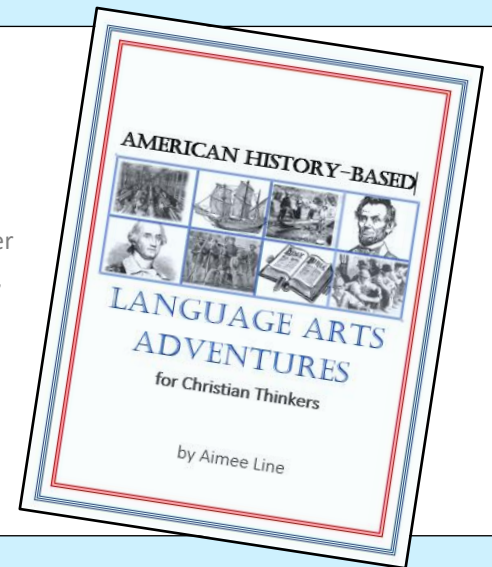
American Literature-Based Language Arts Adventures for Christian Thinkers

In this hands-on Language Arts experience, students read, write, research, design, and act their way through four American Literature-themed Language Arts adventures with a degreed English teacher and curriculum writer. The year is divided into four units; each unit incorporates a whole-class reading and in-depth analysis of an award-winning novel, a map activity, a hands-on project, an analytical essay, additional period-related reading and research reports, and a creative-writing challenge culminating in a unit portfolio displaying the student's accomplishments.

Mrs. Line, a degreed English teacher and curriculum writer, edits and evaluates essays, provides feedback, tracks the completion of homework assignments, and provides private online access to student scores.

Scope of Language Arts topics include (but are not limited to):

1. Writing topics and genres: paragraph structure, essay structure, methods of revision, comparison/contrast essay, literary analysis essay, character sketch, sensory detail, showing versus telling, poetry, short story
2. Research concepts: annotation, summary, sources, intro to documentation, research paper
3. Literary concepts and devices: primary source, secondary source, genre, simile, metaphor, alliteration, personification, characterization, character types, character arc, plot structure setting, conflict, showing vs. telling, point-of-view, theme.
4. Grammar-as-related-to-writing: locating subject and predicate, prepositional phrases, sentence fragments and run-ons, coordinating conjunctions, subordinating conjunctions, sentence combining, appositives, semi-colons, participial phrases



Book List: (slight revisions to list may occur before 7/1/2022)

1. *American History-Based Language Arts Adventures* by Aimee Line (covered by class fees)
2. *Almost Home: A Story Based on the Life of the Mayflower's Mary Chilton* by Wendy Lawton
3. *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch* by Jean Lee Latham
4. One of the following Revolutionary Era novels: *Alone Yet Not Alone*, *Carry Johnny Tremain*, *Sign of the Beaver*, *Amos Fortune Free Man*, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*
5. *By the Great Horn Spoon* by Sid Fleischman
6. One of the following Civil War Era novels (your choice): *Across Five Aprils*, *The Perilous Road*, *Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman*, *George Washington Carver: From Slave to Scientist*, *Sarah Plain and Tall*, *The Great Turkey Walk*
7. *Blue Willow* by Doris Gates

Plan Ahead: Middle School Language Arts classes follow a 3-year rotation. Students who participate are well prepared to enter *Fundamentals of Writing* in 8th or 9th grade.

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World History-Based Adventures for Christian Thinkers

