



## Course Title: Basic Composition

### Description:

This course is for upper elementary students or students who have completed Composition Beginnings. Students will read source texts, identify important information, write key word outlines, and transfer the key word outlines into their own writing. Their writing will be enhanced by learning to eliminate banned words and add dress-ups, sentence openers, and decorations to the writing. Students will also work on some grammar skills and sentence diagramming. Learning new vocabulary words for writing will be a focus of class along with fostering independence in the writing process.

Prerequisites: Grades 5-6

Thursdays 8:30-10:00 AM – Starting August 8; 32 weeks

Minimum 6 students required to start

### Textbook:

*Fables, Myths, and Fairy Tales: Writing Lessons in Structure and Style*, by Lori Vestergen (Institute for Excellence in Writing)

### Teacher:

Lisa Gyergyo; Contact Bellevue Tutorial, 901-347-5518, [tutorial@bellevue.org](mailto:tutorial@bellevue.org)

### Cost:

\$375 (32 weeks)

No other fees

#### About the teacher:

A Pennsylvania native, Lisa Gyergyo and her family moved to Memphis in 2007, and they have enjoyed the warmer winters and sweet tea. Prior to moving to Memphis, she earned her degree in elementary and early childhood education and worked as a curriculum library director at a college for five years. She has homeschooled her three daughters for the past seven years and been actively involved in Classical Conversations as a tutor for various ages. She has taught multiple IEW classes over the last five years, and she loves to see students grow in their confidence and ability to write well.