

Dori Anne Abbott



An educator by passion and calling, Dori Anne has taught hundreds of students over the past thirty years in every aspect of English Grammar, Literature, and Composition. For the past fourteen years she has worked as an editor and author for Smarr Publishers creating study guides for Classical Literature specifically designed for use in the home school environment. During those years she has also served as a personal writing coach for students wishing to better their thinking and writing skills. Having been made aware of the growing need for qualified instructors and facilitators in the home school market to help bring a level of accountability and professionalism to the table while still maintaining the freedom, control, and cost-effectiveness desired by most homeschooling parents, Dori Anne is meeting that need with instruction offered in the cyber classroom.

Services Offered

- Personal writing assistance and grading for students and their parents in any curricula they choose.
- Online classroom time through Watson Educational Services where any number of students can access Dori Anne's teaching through the use of a laptop computer, desktop computer, or tablet.
- Assistance to parents in beginning the home school process, choosing courses of study and textbooks, setting goals and objectives, monitoring progress, and general advice.
- Composition Camps for home school parents and co-op groups to acquaint them with the writing process and empower them to adequately evaluate their students' progress.
- 2 year Creative Writing Curriculum ("Write Now!") written by Ms. Abbott specifically designed for the home school environment; complete with daily schedule, lesson plans, and learning objectives for students in grades six through twelve.

The Details

- The personal coaching process involves a rough draft submitted by the student via email; a twenty to thirty minute phone conference during which I make suggestions for change, explain the deeper nuances of fine writing, and challenge students to achieve a level of thinking and writing beyond their present level. Parents listen in to this conference call and are encouraged to make comments or ask questions as needed. The student then writes a final draft and is assigned a grade. The final copy is returned via traditional mail or electronic scan for the parents' records. At all times, the student has access by email to the instructor for no additional charge. The cost for this service is usually based on a year's plan of eight papers, but can be negotiated if necessary. Paid individually, each paper is thirty dollars. If all papers are paid for in advance, the cost is twenty-five dollars per paper.
- The instructional time offered for classes of any number of students is interactive where students are encouraged to ask questions, write on a "cyber whiteboard," and get feedback immediately from the instructor. Generally parents prefer a one-hour class time twice per week. The cost for this service is thirty-five dollars per week for groups of one to five students. For groups of six to ten students, the cost is thirty dollars per week, and the cost for groups of eleven to twenty students is twenty-five dollars for two hours of interactive instruction. This service also includes access to the instructor by email for help and advice, and the evaluation of all assignments with a number grade.
- Personal assistance with the home school process varies and is negotiable on a case-by-case basis.
- Composition Camp costs include travel expenses for the instructor as well as a reasonable daily stipend. Price varies with the number of days and the number of parents. Discounts available with signed commitments for further personal coaching or cyber classroom time.

- The Creative Writing Curriculum is priced at seventy-five dollars for one year, or one hundred dollars for the entire packet spanning two years. This price includes shipping, handling, and/ or delivery, as well as email assistance should it be necessary.