

UPCOMING CHANGES FOR FALL 2018

Migrating TWLC to an online format has permitted me to make several improvements in our TOTAL LAL and HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE PREP programs. As always, we emphasize enrichment, not remediation, in a program individually customized to students' particular interests and needs. Our goal is to make our sessions enlightening and enjoyable, with the ultimate aim of fostering our students' enthusiasm and sense of competence.

- TWLC now subscribes to several academic websites that offer a variety of excellent material in language arts, humanities, and current events. Students will receive links to assigned material on these sites in their Google Classroom.
- I have partnered with Holt McDougal online, allowing me access to all Interactive Reader materials; as we work together with these online, purchasing individual workbooks will no longer be required.
- FAT journal work will be based on Classical works and high quality short stories available in PDF format, or on quality books of the student's choosing. Investigation of modern genres and trends such as graphic novels and world fiction will also be encouraged.
- Selected videos of renowned authors and poets reading from Classical material and from their own works will further complement our fiction studies. (Many of my students have enjoyed hearing Chaucer read in the original Middle English!)
- Nonfiction (informational) work will involve reading comprehension and research assignments in current events, historic movements, and the liberal arts, with links provided to select online sources from reputable sites.
- Our regular focus on news investigation and reporting, critical thinking skills, poetry analysis, and fine art appreciation will continue as usual.
- I will be placing a greater emphasis on written work, in journaling, open-ended, expository, narrative and argumentative formats, with the goal of improving writing fluency across the curriculum. Students often feel uncomfortable editing and refining written work; my goal is to make this process less intimidating and more rewarding.
- As always, custom exercises are offered geared to individual students' interests and needs in all areas of the humanities and language arts, including grammar, vocabulary, and test preparation for the PSAT, SSAT SAT, ACT, and ISE.