

WRITING - *Through* - IMITATION

A Scholé Academy Summer Club

"A prudent man will always try to follow in the footsteps of great men and imitate those who have been truly outstanding, so that, if he is not quite as skillful as they, at least some of their ability may rub off on him."

Niccoló Machiavelli



Created in the image of God, we were created to create. Every creative work we do is in imitation of the Great Author, the Great Artist, the Great Musician. We were, in a sense, created to be imitators. And as such, this is the best way we learn: through imitation.

This is particularly true for writing. As students are practicing the art of writing, there are no greater teachers than the great authors themselves. In this book club, students will be crafting their own short story by imitating the works of three British authors. In studying J.R.R. Tolkien, we'll learn to create backstories. In imitating Charles Dickens, we'll develop vivid, colorful characters. And in enjoying Jane Austen, we'll form precise dialogue. By the end of the camp, students will not only have a short story of their own, but they'll forge friendship with these magnificent authors.

CLASS DATES:

Monday - Friday
July 17th-21st
1-3pmEST

GRADE LEVELS:

Rising 7th graders - Rising 9th graders

PREREQUISITES:

Before beginning this course, students must read at least one work by EACH of these authors:

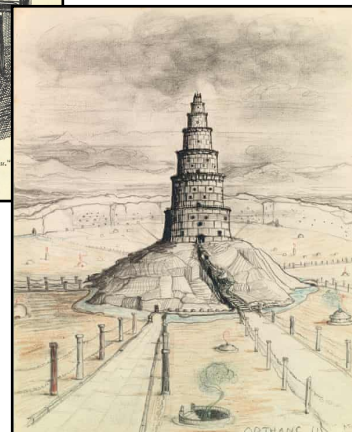
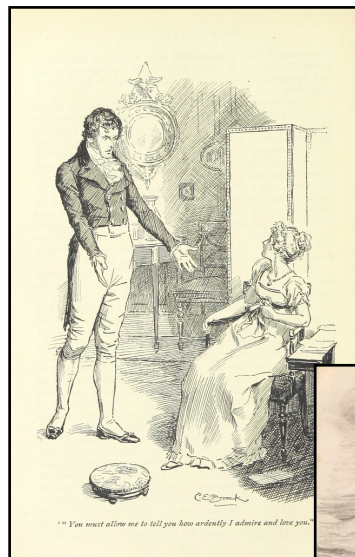
- J.R.R. Tolkien
- Charles Dickens
- Jane Austen

Students may also listen to audiobooks to fulfill this prerequisite.

EXPECTATIONS:

- Students must be able to write full, well-developed paragraphs.
- Students must be able to edit their own work thoroughly.
- Students must be able to type independently and accurately as well as know how to navigate the word-processing program of their choice.
- Students must know terms such as: *protagonist*, *antagonist*, *plot*, *problem*, *solution*, and *setting*.
- Students must come to class having fulfilled the prerequisites listed above.

This camp is ideal for students having just finished WR2, 3, and 4.



HOMEWORK & GRADING:

- Students should be prepared to have ~1hr of homework after camp each day.
- There will be no grades for this camp.



INSTRUCTOR:

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