



# **HUAXIA Chinese School**

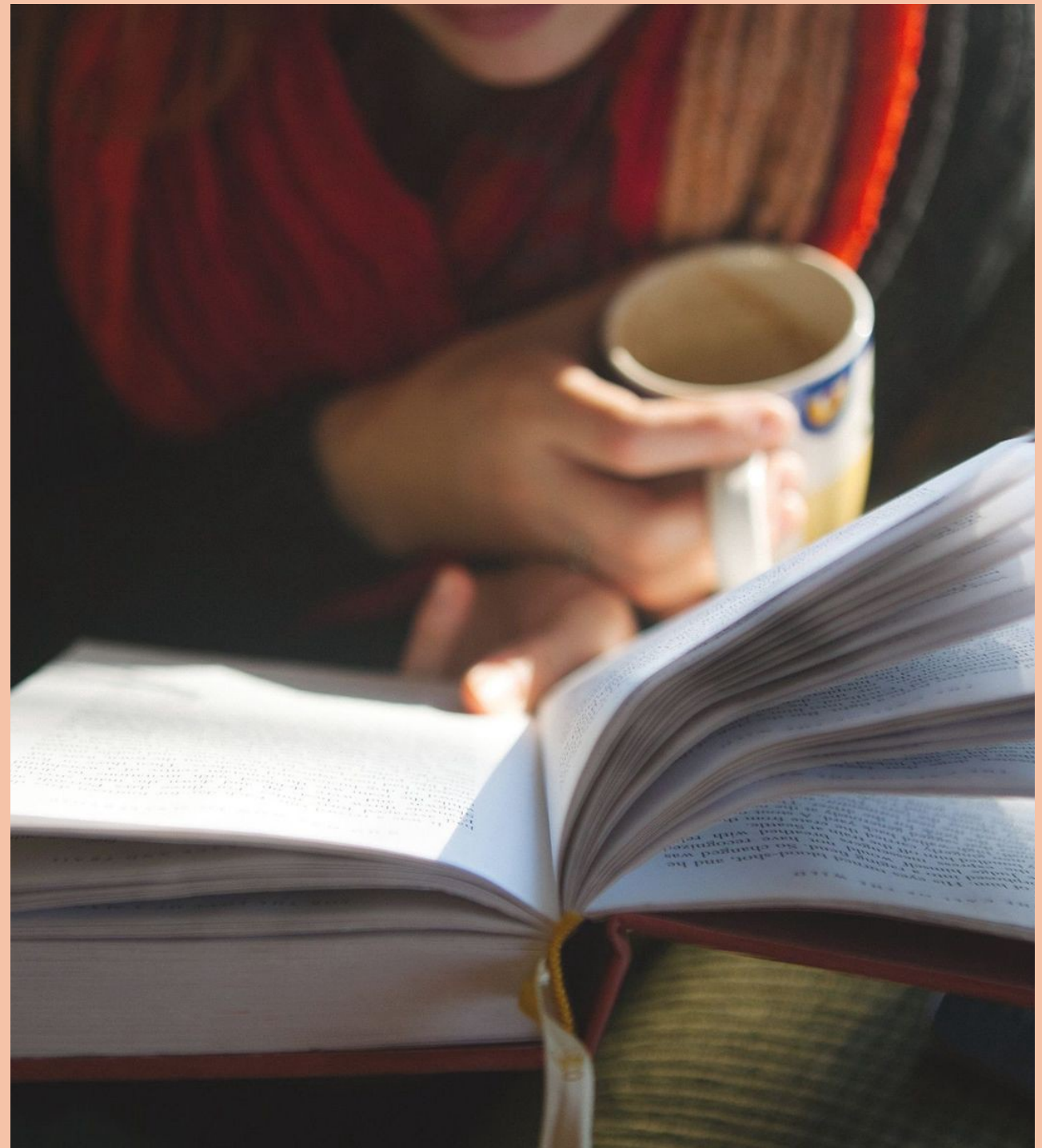
**Classes by Miss Lisa Walter**

**Saturday & Sunday**

# About the teacher: Miss Lisa Walters

Miss Walters holds a degree in English Literature, Magna Cum Laude, from University of Houston, where she also taught freshman English.

Born and raised in Houston, Texas, she is a teacher and private tutor with 10 years of experience.





# Saturday:

## For Better Reading and Writing (6-8 grade)

9: 00~11: 00am

·In this class, each writing assignment starts with reading a text that students will then model their own writing after. In this way, students will see many styles of writing and be challenged to practice writing in the same way, to the high standard set by the model text. Teacher and students will share their completed work so that everyone can learn and grow from each other's' example as well as practice presenting their work to a group.

\*Laptops are required for in-person students.\*

## Test Prep for Middle School (5-7 grade)

11:00~12:30am

·This class focuses on the multiple-choice sections of tests that middle school students are likely to encounter, including ISEE, STAAR, and PSAT. Students will complete exercises that build foundational skills in vocabulary, grammar and reading comprehension that are necessary for the tests, as well as take practice tests so they know what to expect on exam day. Finally, students will learn strategies that will help them make the best use of their time and the skills they have to maximize their potential and get the highest score possible.

\*In-person attendance strongly encouraged for best results.\*

# Saturday

## Test Prep for Grades 8 and Up

1:00~3:00pm

·This class focuses on the multiple-choice sections of tests that high school students are likely to encounter, including ISEE, EOC, SAT and ACT. Students will complete exercises that build foundational skills in vocabulary, grammar and reading comprehension that are necessary for the tests, as well as take practice tests so they know what to expect on exam day. Finally, students will learn strategies that will help them make the best use of their time and the skills they have to maximize their potential and get the highest score possible.

\*8th graders are included in this high-school level class because they should prepare for the upper-level ISEE exam.\*

\*In-person attendance strongly encouraged for best results.\*

# Sunday:

## Analyze, Connect, Explain (6-8 grade)

9:00~11:00am

·This is the class to start with for literary analysis! It is designed to give students practice in analyzing what they read, watch and hear, making connections to what they already know, and putting their thoughts into words on the page.

Students will see lots of examples of effective analysis writing and learn plenty of go-to topics that they can apply to just about anything they read in Language Arts.

\*Laptops are required for in-person students.\*

## Scholastic Awards and Timed Writing for Middle School (6-8 grade)

11:00~12:30am

·This class is designed to help students improve their writing in timed, in-class settings. Students will practice styles of composition including creative, descriptive, summary, character analysis, compare/contrast, persuasive, personal and expository compositions. Timed writings will range from 10 to 50 minutes and include the kinds of essay prompts encountered in the Scholastic Awards, ISEE and STAAR. Students and the teacher will share their work through every stage of the process, from brainstorming through completed compositions, in order to learn and grow in confidence as they encounter new examples and ideas.

\*Laptops are required for in-person students.\*

# Sunday

## Upper Level Writing for Tests, Applications, and Competitions (9 and up)

1:00~3:00pm

·This class is designed to help students improve their writing in timed, in-class settings. Students will practice styles of composition including creative, descriptive, summary, character analysis, compare/contrast, persuasive, personal and expository compositions. Timed writings will range from 10 to 50 minutes and include the kinds of essay prompts encountered in the ISEE, EOC, Scholastic Awards, and college applications. Students and the teacher will share their work through every stage of the process, from brainstorming through completed compositions, in order to learn and grow in confidence as they encounter new examples and ideas.

\*Laptops are required for in-person students.\*

## Literary Analysis and Essay Writing (9 and up)

2:00~4:00pm

·An upper-level analysis class, for students who have taken Analyze, Connect, Explain or are already familiar with literary analysis writing, and who want to take their skills to the next level. We will cover high-school level topics and read 2 full-length novels, along with daily in-class readings, writing, and editing workshops.

\*Laptops are required for in-person students.\*

