

# Elementary School Enrichment English (Grade 3) – 5 Weeks - John Ziegler

## Class Schedule

Summer Session I, Mon, Wed. Fridays (1pm – 2:50pm); on Zoom (30 hours)

Fees: \$360

## Course Description

This summer course incorporates 3<sup>rd</sup> grade core curriculum while improving students' reading and writing abilities. Students will read two books, *Charlotte's Web*, by E.B. White, and *The Cricket in Times Square*, by George Shelden. Students will write in four different styles: description, persuasion, opinion response, and summary.

### Week 1: Similes and Metaphors

We begin this course reading *Charlotte's Web*. Jumping in to the first few chapters, students will write a description of the farm that Charlotte lives on, using evidence from the text and descriptive language.

### Week 2: Pros and Cons

In this week's reading, students read about Charlotte's plan to save her friend Wilbur. Students will write a persuasive argument weighing the pros and cons of this plan, using evidence from the text.

### Week 3: Character/Plot Summaries

This week we finish up with *Charlotte's Web*. Students will write a description of one of the characters, and how this character contributed to the sequence of events. We will begin on *The Cricket in Times Square*.

### Week 4: Themes

Students will review the mechanics and usage of similes and metaphors and asked to identify them as we read. Students will summarize the themes they have identified and what the author's message might be.

### Week 5: Final Week

As we finish up with *The Cricket in Times Square*, students will be asked to compare and contrast it with *Charlotte's Web* in terms of tone, style, and subject matter. Students will be asked to provide their opinions and to provide reasons why they hold these opinions. Students will share their writings.

## About John Ziegler

John Ziegler has been teaching at Ray Chinese School for two years and has taught a wide number of English classes to grades two through eight. Additionally, he teaches a World Affairs course and has taught Speech and SAT Prep. Mr. Ziegler also works at a human rights organization where he teaches Citizenship and English to refugees and asylum seekers. Prior to his work in Chicago, Mr. Ziegler taught Middle School English, High School Economics, And Algebra II for six years in various schools and programs in Thailand.