

# Shakespeare/Psalms English Class NLD 2024-2025

**Class Duration:** Year-Long      **Credits:** 1 High school credit = English, Literature, or Theater

This class covers works from Shakespeare, the Psalms, theatrical plays, important poems, and more. It is a discussion and writing class primarily. The focus will NOT be on the semantics of the writing but rather the content.

The students will interpret iconic works from Shakespeare including, selected sonnets, Hamlet, and Much Ado About Nothing. We will also cover Psalms 1, 5, 23, 37, 51, 119, and 142. In response to these works, students will write summaries, personal interpretations, as well as their **own** sonnets and Psalms. We will discuss and write about how these works relate to our Christian Worldview.

We will also cover at least one theatrical play as well as well-loved poems as time allows. In addition, I will require that each student complete a simple Grammar 101 workbook in order to stay refreshed on the basics of grammar.

**Class Projects:** may include; poetry or song writing, theatrical performances, short film, play writing, group projects, crafts, and/or published works. Optional viewing: *Hamlet & Much Ado About Nothing*

**Meeting Day and time:** **Mondays 9:00-10:30** - Bridge Life Church, 8210 Stephanie, HSV

**Offered to Grades:** **10-12th grade**

**Prerequisites:** have taken a high school level writing course and read on the 10-12th grade level.

**Skills Assessment Test Required:** No

**Intensity Level:** Medium

**Average Number of Hours per week:** 3-5 (not including class time)

**Required Books:** (most of these are available used)

1. [How to Read the Psalms](#) Tremper Longman III
2. Copy of [Hamlet](#) (**NOT** "No Fear" Shakespeare)
3. Copy of [Much Ado About Nothing](#) (**NOT** "No Fear" Shakespeare)
4. [Shakespeare's Sonnets and Poems](#), Folger Shakespeare Library
5. [Grammar 101: From Split Infinitives to Dangling Participles, an Essential Guide to Understanding Grammar \(Adams 101 Series\)](#), Kathleen Sears

**Other books needed:** the Bible (ESV, NLT, and the Message used by Teacher)

**Other Materials:** (1) 5 subject spiral notebook, (3) composition notebooks, (1) set of 4-5 highlighters, access to a laptop, various materials for class projects. (ask Mrs. Russo)

**Class Fee:** \$390/year paid @ registration **OR** \$210 paid @ registration & \$210 by Dec. 1, 2024  
**Copy Fee:** \$15 @ registration - one time fee per student  
**Facility Fee:** \$65 DUE August 1, 2024 - one time fee per family (can be raised thru sponsorship to NLD)  
**Min/Max Students:** 4/18

**Instructor:** Pamela Russo

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**Instructor Biography:**

Hello everyone! My name is Pam Russo and I am so excited about the potential of teaching your student!! My Bachelor's degree is in History, with a former Secondary Education Credential in Social Studies through the states of California, Arizona, and New Hampshire. Alternative education with my spunky gang kids, as well as Special Education with my sweet autistic kids, enveloped most of my public education years.

I'm in my ninth homeschool teaching year. I've been on the stage since three years old, both in ministry and secular venues, and have written and directed various skits, programs, and productions. Currently, I am the Founder/Director/Instructor for New Life Dramatics. (see my Theater classes offered at [newlifedramatics.com](http://newlifedramatics.com)). In addition to writing theatrical works, I have written poetry, songs, and am currently working on my first published non-fiction book. Dissecting works of Shakespeare, as well as various poems, Psalms, and theatrical plays have been a longtime passion for me and I am GIDDY with the prospect of passing on my knowledge and passion to your student, under the guise of an English Class. (I LOVE that we can have this freedom in homeschooling.) This class will be heavy with dendrite forming knowledge gained, but more importantly to me, is the wisdom your student will gain from the in depth study of famous works. Adding the Grammar 101 piece is simply to pad that wisdom with essential tools to allow them to be more effective in there future pursuits, whatever those may be.

This will be my first year teaching this particular class. If you have any questions, please contact me at [NLDclasses2camps@gmail.com](mailto:NLDclasses2camps@gmail.com). Thank you!!!

Check out our website at [newlifedramatics.com](http://newlifedramatics.com). Coming March 18, 2024.