

Full Circle Homeschool Classes
Language Arts
Syllabus for the first 4 weeks

Week 1

1. Introductions
2. What is poetry?
3. Poetical/literary terms
5. Explication of a short poem

Homework: Write me 1-2 pages telling me about yourself and your favorite thing to do, or something that interests you.

Week 2

1. Review: poetical/literary terms
2. Poetry reading, "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost
3. Explication of poem

Homework: Try to memorize one of the short poems provided to share it with us next week. If you cannot memorize it, you can still practice reading it over and over out loud as if you were memorizing it.

Week 3

1. Sharing of poems
2. Review: literary terms
3. Review: Explication of "The Road Not Taken"
4. Memorized poem share aloud
5. Introduction of Louisa May Alcott & *Little Women*

Homework: Get a copy of *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott, Penguin books publishers or Penguin Classics edition is preferred.

Week 4

1. Begin reading *Little Women*
2. Read aloud Ch. 1
3. Comprehension questions, discuss characters, time period, and setting

Homework: Read Ch.1-8, comprehension questions, and copy "Five Golden Lines" that stand out as defining the characters. Choose from the main characters: Meg, Jo, Beth, Amy, Laurie, Marmee, Mr. Laurence, Aunt March, or lesser known character of Hannah.