

AMERICAN GIRL

Information About the Instructor

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Instructor Bio: I was a homeschool mom - all grown-ups now. As a volunteer in those days, I led American Girls and Geography Clubs, taught Shakespeare, Research Writing, Tolkien, U.S. Constitution, Poetry and other classes, and edited several college applications and personal essays for homeschoolers. As a college instructor, I taught Ethics, Composition, Literature, Constitution & Society, and other courses. I have worn a couple of other hats professionally, including high school pastor and newspaper reporter in CA and here in Michigan. I'm also pretty 'crafty' in a number of areas and love to share these interests with kids.

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Description: This year we will cover 7 American Girl dolls, roughly chronologically (some skipping around for holidays); each doll will be covered for 4-6 weeks. First, class members will be introduced to a doll and we will talk a bit about the era. After the introduction of a doll, we discuss and participate in activities related to chapters assigned as weekly reading for the remaining weeks. The pattern will continue for each succeeding doll. Academic and fun projects appropriate to each era (a game, a dance, or a creative project) will be directly related to the weekly reading. Examples of projects include: physical activities (like Mexican folk dancing with Josefina or pioneer games frontier children would have played), period songs or art activities (like Victorian decoupage).

Note: instructor may request some parent involvement/assistance, depending on the child.

Weekly breakdown:

Week 1: Intro to Kaya	Week 10: Break
Week 2: Continue with Kaya	Week 11: Intro to Samantha
Week 3: Continue with Kaya	Week 12: Continue with Samantha
Week 4: Continue with Kaya	Week 13: Continue with Samantha

Week 5: Finish with Kaya	Week 14: Break
Week 6: Intro to Caroline	Week 15: Finish with Samantha
Week 7: Continue with Caroline	Week 16: Intro to Josefina
Week 8: Continue with Caroline	
Week 9: Finish with Caroline	