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Hello BraveSchoolers!

We began this group on November 4, 2015. We will pause the group on February 21, 2021. It will remain available for search through March 31, 2021, at which time it will be deleted. (The option to archive no longer exists.)

We've had five great years together in this space. After reviewing the goals we have in Brave Writer and the available resources we have to support those goals, it's become clear to me that managing a group of 17,000 members on the Facebook platform is not serving our best aspirations for community and coaching.

I do see that the group provides a niche value to you and it's that enjoyment of this space that has kept us going. Several of you have come forward to say that you would love to host a group as a Brave Writer fan and user community. To me, that sounds like the ideal next step.

There are a few things to know:

1. Brave Writer is a trademarked name so if you want to create a group for fans, you must say so in the description. For example, you may call it "Brave Schoolers: a Brave Writer Fans Space" or "Brave Writer Fan Group." You can't call it "Brave Writer's Facebook Group" because that implies that it is a Brave Writer sponsored space. Please post below in comments if you'd like to invite members to your newly formed group.
2. You may follow me on Instagram where I share a wealth of user-support including answering questions, re-sharing posts from members who use Brave Writer products, and Instagram Lives to train you. It's entirely free! <https://www.instagram.com/juliebravewriter/>
3. The Brave Learner Home (<https://bravewriter.com/brave-learner-home>) is THE place to get the training and support you crave. With over 7000 members and six coaches participating on the discussion board, you will have a chance to share in ways similar to what you experience here. I realize it is not for everyone, but if you are interested in becoming well equipped to use our program, to enhance your parenting skills and to grow as an adult in your own right, that is where that service is best delivered and supported.
4. The Brave Writer podcast, YouTube channel, blog, website, and poetryteatime.com website are all free, with thousands of pieces of valuable content that will support you in following a Brave Writer Lifestyle (including our robust Brave Writer Lifestyle pages!) <https://bravewriter.com/program/brave-writer-lifestyle>
5. If you don't already receive it, I also send out a weekly email newsletter that is marketing-free called "Tea with Julie" that gives substack length articles that support you in home education and writing. You can sign up here: <http://go.bravewriter.com/tea-with-julie>

Thank you for being an awesome community of homeschoolers who support and care about each other.

Use this week (and the comment section below) to form your new groups!

Thanks to everyone!

Julie Bogart

P.S. Adding this comment based on a question I received further down:

Our decision to close the group has come after a year of debate internally about whether we can support this space or not, and not because of the racism thread. That thread merely brought to the fore the issues we've struggled with in a more pronounced way.

We want to get it right—we have anti-racism trainings for our staff both internally and with outside professionals and are continuing this year. One of the concepts I've taken to heart is that if you don't have the ability to moderate at a level that protects the members, it's time to reconsider how you set up your spaces. Facebook is not our platform and we do not have the decision-making power about how to run this space. We don't feel it is conducive to the work we want to do.

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The day is here.

Thank you all for the generous and warm comments you shared about our work. I've read every single one. Truly: we have the best people in our orbit.

We love this community and all the places Brave Writer fans and friends spend time with us.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Brave Learner Home (bravewriter.com/brave-learner-home).

For those wanting to continue these conversations on Facebook, a fan has set up a fan group (more than 1.4K members already):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/226846915757983/>

The Free Gift will be available until Wednesday. Sign up to receive the discount code here:

<https://go.bravewriter.com/facebook-group-discount>

And now I will pause the group indefinitely so that you may search the archives as needed.

Thanks again for the ways you have supported one another over the years!

Fondly,

Julie for all of us on the Brave Writer team