

Ancient Literature

Instructor: LuAnn Sgrecci O'Connell

Class Code : LIT300

Co-teacher?

Class Time 8:15-9:10am

Tuition : \$35/semester

Length of Class (1st sem/ 2nd sem/both) Both

Materials Fee : \$5/semester

Description:

My goal is to encourage a love and understanding of literature, to promote critical thinking and to convey the flavor of life in the cultures studied in the middle school history class. We will focus on mainly fictional works from and about ancient Greece, Rome and other ancient civilizations, looking at the works in the context of the culture, art and technology of the time. We will learn about genres of literature, story elements and what makes good literature. The assignments will be a mix of analytical and creative writing. Nearly every week there will a short assignment, age appropriate reading and participation in class discussion. Reading the books is key to the student's success in and enjoyment of this class. Students are welcome to sign up for one semester only.

Books under consideration include: Mara, Daughter of the Nile (Egypt); The Lion in the Gateway (Persian-Greek Wars); D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths; Aesop's fables; Lysis Goes to the Play (Athens); Black Ships Before Troy (Iliad); The Odyssey (Graphic novel); The Forgotten Daughter (Rome), Shakespeare's Julius Caesar for Kids: 3 Short Melodramatic Plays; The Bronze Bow (Roman Palestine); Twice Freed (Onesimus); The White Isle (Roman Britain); Hostage Lands (Roman Britain); The Bible.

Enrollment:

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Max: 20

Pre-Requisites: none

Required Text:

Reading list of approximately 6-9 works will be finalized in the summer. See description for some books being considered. Contact LuAnn if you wish to see a further list of books under consideration.

Additional Materials:

3-ring binder, pens & pencils, notebook paper—I will print most assignments

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