

2017-2018 CHEF Co-op

Modern Literature

Instructor: LuAnn Sgrecci O'Connell

Class Code : Lit310

Co-teacher?

Tuition : \$40/semester

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

both

Materials Fee : None

This class seeks to encourage a love and understanding of literature, to promote critical thinking and to convey the flavor of life in the times studied in the middle school history class. This year we focus on the Modern period from the 1800s to the present. Our studies include story elements, traits of good literature and inferring theme.

We read approximately 9 age-appropriate novels and a few short stories and poems. Every week there will be reading with some response, class discussion and an assignment. The assignments are a mix of analytical and creative writing, most requiring the equivalent of a paragraph or two. Grading is based on class preparation, discussion participation and assignments. Students are asked to do one short presentation in class during the year, usually on an author.

Books likely to be used this year:

Frindle, *The Twenty-One Balloons*, one of Ann Rinaldi's Civil War novel or *Across Five Aprils*, *Around the World in Eighty Days*, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes— Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (selected stories)*, *The Wheel on the School (The Netherlands)*, *A Christmas Carol*, *The Borrowed House (WWII)*, *Navigating Early*, *The London Eye Mystery*, *A Long Walk to Water (Africa)*.

Enrollment:

5

Max:

16

Pre-Requisites: IEW A or competent 5th grade level writing skills

Required Text:

approximately 10 novels chosen over the summer

Additional Materials:

Internet access for some sources. Adobe Reader (free) on your computer to print out homework sent as a PDF files. Means of organizing handouts (folders or looseleaf notebook).

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