

2017-2018 CHEF Co-op

Windows on Literature: Modern

Instructor: LuAnn Sgrecci O'Connell

Class Code : Lit400

Co-teacher?

Tuition : \$65/semester

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

both

Materials Fee : none

Description:

Using Windows to the World from IEW (sample on iew.com), we will study literary analysis— how to read, understand and write about literature which helps develop critical thinking skills applicable in other areas. A main emphasis is annotating (making notes on the text) to promote engagement with the text and have material to work from when they write. We study literary elements & style devices, understanding Biblical and other allusions and touch on author world view. Students read 7-9 books and several short stories and poems during the year with class discussion and assignments on these works which are chosen either from or about the time period of the history class and from or about various cultures, the majority British or American. Books include shorter classics, adult and YA novels & perhaps a memoir and are announced by mid-August.

Homework is weekly and includes short answer; annotation; two short literary analysis essays; and a writing assignment of the student's choice. Analysis skills are developed step-by-step, first working from short stories and poems, advancing to longer works. Each student gives two short presentations on an author and an allusion. This class is a natural follow-up to the middle school IEW-B and literature classes and is appropriate for both students not planning to attend college as well as those who are.

Sample of books under consideration: All Quiet on the Western Front, Animal Farm ~or~ Fahrenheit 451 ~or~ 1984, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night, Watership Down, The Alchemist, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The Hound of the Baskervilles ~or~ Murder on the Orient Express, Their Eyes Were Watching God ~or~ Cry the Beloved Country, A Separate Peace, I am Malala (YA edition), Frankenstein, The Tenants of Moonbloom.")

Enrollment:

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Max: 12

Pre-Requisites: high school reading level and IEW B or competent 8th grade level writing skills

Required Text:

Windows to the World: An Introduction to Literary Analysis Student Book, ISBN 978-0-9801005-1-8 \$29 from IEW.com —students either need to write in book or make copies of stories and poems from book; 7-9 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. Looseleaf notebook with dividers.
Available free with Windows to the World (or from LuAnn): A Syllabus for Introduction to Literary Analysis: Student Homework Pages

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