



RADNOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Course Overview



British/Modern Literature
Course # 05010142

General Information

Credits: 1.0
Weighted: N/A
Prerequisite: N/A

Length: Full Year
Format: Meets Daily
Grade: 12

Course Description

Students will examine major works of British Literature written from the 4th century starting with *Beowulf* and progressing to the English Renaissance and beyond. Students will also investigate genres in the modern literary tradition. In addition, students will review the writing process through various assignments as well as compose a detailed research paper employing the MLA (Modern Language Association) format.

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the tools necessary for understanding British and Modern Literature and to foster within the individual an appreciation for the British/Modern literary tradition. Students will also learn to examine works by using critical thinking and analytical skills. They will learn to express their knowledge, ideas, and creativity clearly and effectively through writing and discussion. Most importantly, the class aims to help students enjoy literature in a way that is personal and meaningful.

Course Objectives:

1. Students will be able to read, understand, and respond to works of literature, including novels, stories, poetry and drama.
2. Students will be able to write for different purposes and audiences including completing a research paper.
3. Students will be able to read, understand and respond to informational texts.
4. Students will be able to present appropriately in formal speaking situations, listen critically, and respond intelligently as individuals or in group discussions.

Essential Questions

- What is the relationship between literature and place?
- How does literature shape or reflect society?
- What is the relationship of the writer to tradition?

Common Assessments:

Required Assessments:

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1. Response to Poem/Literature
2. Response to Literature
3. Oral Presentation Rubric
4. MLA Format Rubric

Major Units of Study:

Unit 1: From Legend to History (A.D. 449-1485)
Unit 2: Celebrating Humanity (1485-1625)
Unit 3: A Turbulent Time (1625-1798)
Unit 4: Modern Literature
Unit 5: Research

Research may be completed in conjunction with any of the first four units or as a separate unit.

Materials & Texts

Required Text and Resources:

Common Texts:

"The Pardoner's Tale" by Geoffrey Chaucer
Shakespeare play

Common Course Texts

Adventures in English Literature, textbook
British Literature Common Core Edition, Holt McDougal, textbook

Supplemental Texts and Resources (use may vary):

- **Required: Modern Novel**
Suggested titles: *Brave New World*, *Ordinary People* (anything modern not previously read by students)
- **Required: Two or more of the following**
Modern Play
Suggested titles: *A Raisin in the Sun*, *A Doll's House*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*
(anything modern not previously read by students)
Modern Short Stories
Modern Poems
- Other teacher created or teacher selected texts and resources needed in order to differentiate instruction and meet the needs of all students.

Summer Assignment

Radnor High School publishes an annual summer reading list. Students should refer to the RHS English page for Summer Reading Expectations.