



RADNOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Course Overview



British and Modern Literature College Prep
Course # 05010144

General Information

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

Length: Full Year
Format: Meets Daily
Grade: 12

Course Description

After an initial unit in which students write an essay to submit with their college applications, this course explores the development of British Literature from its Anglo-Saxon beginnings through the works of Shakespeare. Students who need to hone their reading skills use a directed approach to various genres; guided practice of basic writing skills increases written fluency. Students have ample opportunity to improve their ability to speak, listen, and build vocabulary. The second half of this course continues to pursue the goals and develop the skills set forth in the first semester academic course through the study of modern literature.

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

Common Course Assessments:

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

British Literature Holt McDougal, textbook

Supplemental Texts and Resources (use may vary):

- **Required: Modern Novel**
Suggested titles: *Bad Boy: a memoir, 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.