

## **World Literature (Semester Course)**

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Blue 1 prep

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**Course description:** Students will read modern works (both fiction and non-fiction) from around the world and use them as a starting point for gaining a broader understanding of points of view beyond their own. The course emphasizes reading, analyzing, discussing, and writing with particular emphasis on an individual's ability to apply critical concepts in the understanding and interpretation of various countries' cultures and literature.

### **Course objectives:**

1. To expose and expand the student's awareness and appreciation of the various genres of world literature.
2. To be able to recognize and explain literary elements, contrast characters, plots, themes, characterization, foreshadowing, etc. from these reading selections.
3. To expand vocabulary with the study of central ideas, contextual words and clues, the infusion of new words, and the reading selections in this course.

### **Course expectations:**

1. Students will exhibit courtesy and respect towards other students and the teacher at all times.
2. Regular attendance is necessary.
3. Be in your seat when the bell rings and stay in your seat until it rings again!
4. Academic honesty is always expected and strictly enforced.
5. Students are expected to participate actively and appropriately in class discussions. **Class participation** is crucial to your performance in this class. Your ability to respond and contribute to class discussions is an index of your performance as a whole. Conversely, coming to class unprepared is unacceptable. You are expected to keep up with your reading at all times.
6. All other school rules and policies will be upheld in this class.

### **Be prepared:**

1. Bring your novel and laptop to class every day.
2. Bring the relevant handouts and texts to class.
3. Maintain a class folder for handouts.

### **Homework/Tests/Quizzes/Projects/Papers**

1. Complete assignments on the dates assigned.
2. The date and content of every test and most quizzes will be announced in advance.
3. **Make ups must be taken outside of regular class time and it is the student's responsibility to make the necessary arrangements.**
4. If you are in the building on the day an assignment is due, you must turn it in by the start of class, regardless of whether you attend class or not. Late work in the English department is docked 50% if work is 1-2 days late. After that, no credit will be awarded. **Failure to take initiative and complete missing work in a timely manner will result in a zero.**

**Let's have a great semester!**