



Course Title: Composition & Literature 7

Description:

Start a love of reading worthy literature in your middle schooler. MS Literature 7 is a great course for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to start reading good books and learning to evaluate and discuss literature using classic novels and short stories. Our selections offer a great setting to learn to ask *good questions* and be willing to consider *all answers*. We will start with the fall term reading classic, engaging novels that provide a framework for developing rich, in-class discussion. Students will practice asking and thinking deeply about questions and issues that arise in our literature selections.

In the spring we will shift our literature component to the short story. The short story format offers a chance to explore some of the ideas and work of the authors of more difficult classic selections that the student may see in upper levels while providing the less demanding reading of the short story format. Additionally, we will utilize the brevity of the writings to learn about the “mechanics” of a “good story.” Study topic examples include: setting, character development, plot, etc. Student work will culminate in a spring project to author a short story. This may sound daunting, but in practice the students will find it very achievable and perhaps even fun.

Students should plan to spend 3 to 4 hours per week on homework.

Recommended Grades: 7

Prerequisites: None

Thursdays 10:10 – 11:40 PM; 32 weeks

Minimum 6 students required to start

Textbook: (Literature books provided on loan)

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