



Course Title: Composition and American Literature

Description:

This course is designed for students in the 10th grade and above. Students will develop and practice critical thinking skills by analyzing classic American literature. Through exposure to excellent literature, students will understand themes, history, vocabulary, symbolism, and literary devices. We will engage favorite selections by authors such as Ray Bradbury, Mark Twain, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and others in-depth for a well-rounded English credit. The writing focus will be on crafting and improving critical thinking communication through relatable writing exercises to gently guide reluctant writers and engage enthusiastic writers. Writing exercises include but are not limited to academic essays, newspaper articles, scripts, short stories, infographics, etc. Students will receive specific feedback on improving their writing skills throughout the year to give students confidence that they CAN write. This unique option is the equivalent of 1 high school English credit.

A basic knowledge of grammar is necessary to participate in this course.

Students must have daily access to the internet and a printer.

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

Recommended Grades: 10 – 12

Prerequisites: None

Tuesdays 8:30 – 10:00 AM or Thursdays 12:20 – 1:50 PM;

Minimum 6 students required to start

Textbook: (Literature books provided on loan)

Teacher:

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