

Syllabus: Literature 6

Course Description

Intended for students in sixth grade, students will read great literature and work to improve their oral reading skills. Students will improve their reading skills through written and oral comprehension exercises. Their vocabulary will be expanded through the application of contextual clues, derivation of words from Latin roots, and use of the dictionary. Students will learn to apply a Christian worldview as they examine qualities of characters in stories and recognize those that are worth admiring. The level and content of the literature will serve students well as the transition into more dialectic books readies them for Omnibus. They will also learn to identify different genres of literature as they read a variety of styles. And most importantly, they will continue to increase their love of literature. Recommended for grade 6. Homework will average 3 - 4 hours per week depending on reading speed.

Attendance and Participation

Both attendance and participation are vital parts of this course; therefore, students are required to attend class sessions and participate actively in discussions. Students are expected to view archives of any missed classes, and are responsible for obtaining any notes or assignments.

Students will be given quarterly grades for both participation and attendance:

- Fifteen percent of the final grade will be attributed to *relevant class participation*. This includes raising one's hand, commenting regularly via microphone/webcam, and using the chat box regularly to contribute to the academic conversation.
- Five percent of the final grade will be attributed to *class attendance*. Being present, being on time, and readiness for class are all factors to be considered in the class attendance grade. *Excused* absences will not detrimentally impact attendance grades.

Grading rubrics are located in the Course Documents folder in each course page.

Assignments & Tests

Assignments will be posted on the Quarterly Course Assignment Sheets found in both the Assignments folder and the Course Documents folder on the course page. Parents are responsible for making sure that the student completes all reading, vocabulary, written, and online assignments on time.

Reading: The students will need to keep up with reading assignments in order to participate in class discussion. Comprehension Questions: Comprehension questions will be assigned for each reading. Each semester four sets of comprehension questions will be completed online and graded; the other sets of

questions will be checked in class. Students are expected to write their answers in complete sentences. Vocabulary: We will be learning many new vocabulary words as we move from book to book, so a good dictionary should always be handy! The students will be asked to bring their vocabulary lists to class where we will take time to check the words assigned, and share any extras they may have found with the class. Oral Reading: Oral reading will be an integral part of each class. In this non-stressful environment we will increase our ability to read with accuracy, fluency, expression, enunciation, projection, and observation of punctuation. Assessments will be ongoing throughout each semester. Journals: Students will be asked to write short journal entries throughout the year. These entries must be written and will be shared during class time. They will be counted as part of the participation grade. Projects: Two graded projects will be given per semester. The projects will be of a creative, hands-on nature; however, the option of a written essay is always provided.

Tests and Exams and Quizzes: Timed quizzes will be given once a week and will be administered at the start of class on Day 2 of each week. In lieu of a first semester test, students will submit a book report during exam week at the end of the first semester. In lieu of a final test, students will present an oral reading recitation during the last two weeks of the second semester. All assignments are due by 11:55 p.m. ET on the date shown.

Evaluation

The final grade is determined on the following basis:

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| ● Class Attendance | 5% |
| ● Relevant Class Participation | 15% |
| ● Homework | 20% |
| ● Quizzes | 20% |
| ● Projects | 20% |
| ● Oral Reading | 20% |

Grading Scale

The following grading scale will apply for all assignments and final grades. 100% – 90% = A; 89% - 80% = B; 79% - 70% = C; 69% - 60% = D; 59% - 50% = E; 49% - 40% = F. All grades are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Late Work

If a student fails to submit any assessment by the due date, it is considered “late.”

- Assignments submitted 0-24 hours late will result in a 10 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 24-48 hours late will result in a 20 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 48-72 hours late will result in a 30 point reduction off earned grade.

- Assignments over 72 hours late will not be accepted and the student will receive a zero.
- Parent may request an extension from their child's teacher *prior to the due date* or in the case of an emergency.

While we love grace and the opportunity to exercise it, we also desire to instill a sound sense of responsibility in our students, hence these expectations pertaining to late work.

Exam/Test Retakes

Any student may retake a failed assessment (except quizzes), but can score no higher than 70% on the retake. Retakes must be submitted within one week of the returned, failed test. If the retake is not submitted within one week, the original failing grade will stand.

Academic Dishonesty

Cheating on any assignment is considered academic dishonesty. This includes plagiarism in any form. Cheating will be dealt with in the following manner:

- If a student is caught cheating, he will receive a zero on the assignment and will be placed on academic probation for the remainder of the school year.
- If the same student is caught cheating again, he will likely be expelled.
- No refunds will be granted for students who are expelled due to cheating.
- A Disciplinary Action Form will be submitted by the student's teacher for any instance of academic dishonesty.

Textbooks

The books needed for the class can be purchased through Veritas Press. It is very helpful when the student has the correct version of these materials.

Literature 6 Course Kit (003510)

- Around the World in 80 Days (435100)
- Around the World in 80 Days Comp Guide (00736)
- The Jungle Book (435559)
- The Jungle Book Comp Guide (00752)
- Little Women (435650)
- Little Women Comp Guide (00754)
- Fahrenheit 451 (061040)
- Fahrenheit 451 Comp Guide (00740)
- The Fellowship of the Ring (490500)
- The Fellowship of the Ring Comp Guide (00756)
- The Call of the Wild (435160)
- White Fang (435980)
- The Call of the Wild & White Fang Comp Guide (000751)
- Kidnapped (435570)
- A Christmas Carol (435191)

- The Yearling (021340)

Course Calendar

See Course Assignment Sheet, located on course page, for class dates, breaks and all assignments and assessments. Class dates and breaks can also be found on the current academic year calendar.