



Ephrata High School
Course Syllabus
Literary Classics
1230



I. Course Description

Literary Classics is an individualized course for students who wish to broaden their reading background in the classics. Students will read American, British, and European works of enduring excellence. In order for the teacher to evaluate progress, students will write critiques, analyses, and research reports and share their findings with the class. This course complements Advance Reading Skills in skills and content.

II. Materials & Equipment

Class novels: Fahrenheit 451, Great Expectations

Class readings (excerpts): Odyssey, Theseus, King Arthur, Siegfried, El Cid, Beowulf, Pyramus and Thisbe, Romeo and Juliet, Faust

Individual novels

Poetry: Dickinson, Eliot, cumming, Shelley, Thomas

Philosophy: Emerson, Thoreau

Short Stories

III. Course Goals & Objectives

To broaden their reading background in the classics

To expand their analysis of literature through the study of literary motifs

IV. Course Topics (Summary Outline)

- I. Introduction
 - A. Define classic
 - B. Review literary analysis terms
 - C. Apply literary analysis terms
- II. Hero's Journey
 - A. Fahrenheit 451
 - B. Theseus (Greek myth)
 - C. Odyssey, King Arthur, Siegfried, El Cid, or Beowulf
- III. Sirens
 - A. Great Expectations
 - B. Odyssey
 - C. "Die Lorelei"
 - D. Songs
 - E. Films
- IV. Literary Criticism
 - A. Define literary criticism
 - B. Research literary criticism
 - C. Apply literary criticism
- V. Individual long novel
 - A. Quiz
 - B. Round robin
 - C. Composition
- VI. Lovers
 - A. Pyramus and Thisbe (Greek myth)
 - B. Romeo and Juliet
 - C. Tristan and Isolde
 - D. Heloise and Abelard
- VII. Individual short novel

- A. Quiz
- B. Round robin
- C. Composition
- VIII. Making a Pact with the Devil
 - A. Faust
 - B. Video clips
- IX. Poetry
 - A. Sonnets
 - B. Non-sonnets
- X. Philosophy
 - A. Emerson
 - B. Thoreau
- XI. Short Story
 - A. Read and analyze
 - B. Connect with motifs

V. Assignments & Grading

Think, Read, Write, Listen, Speak
Quizzes, discussions
Compositions, impromptus