

COMPOSITION/LITERATURE

Grade: 7-8

Course Description:

Excursions in Literature provides a rich collection of literature selections to help students gain an appreciation and understanding of literary techniques as they study a variety of genres of literature from a range of cultures. Students will be encouraged to develop and apply critical thinking skills as they analyze the pieces of literature in light of a Christian worldview. Students will also be expected to complete 2 essays per semester, memorize weekly vocabulary and read an additional novel or play per semester.

Please note: this course is considered to be **ONE component of English 7 or English 8.**

The grade for this comp/lit course will make up **50% of your student's overall English grade.**

All 7th and 8th graders enrolled in this course are expected to **complete a grammar component at home**, in which parents will give them a grade that will represent the other 50% of their final grade.

Each semester, these two grades will combine to make the total semester grade in English 7 or 8.

Two such semester grades are required to complete English 7 or 8.

Cost per semester: \$115 per semester (1.0 hr. per week course)

Min. number of students: 8

Max. number of students: 15

Texts:

1. *Excursions in Literature* (3rd edition), BJU Press.

2. The *Folder Shakespeare Library* version of Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet* (ISBN 978-0812416558).

-Shakespeare's manuscript history is such that line numbers can vary widely depending on editorial choices. I want us all to be on the same page/line (literally) for maximized efficiency.

-Note: Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet* contains a small amount of content that may be questionable for some. Parents can be assured that such content will be handled with sensitivity and from a Christian perspective.

3. The *Signet Classics* edition of George Orwell's *Animal Farm* (ISBN 978-0140817614).

-Again, class discussions should be facilitated if we are all on the same page.

Instructor: Samuel Greer

Effective teacher, with experience teaching a variety of age groups in a variety of settings. Extensive experience (140+ hours) teaching Junior and Senior High School. Engaging and inspiring classroom presence. Well-versed in multiple areas of the humanities; more deeply studied in a few. Committed to holistic growth in students through disciplined academic precision. Driven by the desire to help students honor God in all areas of life (1 Corinthians 10:31); this includes developing a philosophically/theologically robust worldview, one that is ready to respond biblically to interactions with a post-Eden world.

Academic Information:

Pre-collegiate education

- Homeschooling, public schooling, private schooling, and co-op group classes through different venues all preceded a 2010 graduation from Turner Christian Academy in Bakersfield, CA.

Collegiate education

- Junior (Senior in Fall 2013) at The Master's College
- Double-major in English and Bible (Biblical Languages Emphasis)
- President's List (every semester so far)
- 3.84 cumulative GPA

Other Information:

- ^ Passionate about literature, writing, history - affinity for Shakespeare (played 2 leading roles).

Tear off and include with completed Jr. High School Co-Op Registration Form and payment.

COMP/LIT Parent's Names _____

Students' Names	First	Last	Grade Level
Student #1	_____		
Student #2	_____		
Student #3	_____		

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