

Middle School English Grades - 6th-9th*: (20th Century Literature and Composition)

This comprehensive middle school English course will study literature primarily relating to 20th century America and Europe. We will study the historical and cultural settings in which they were written, the purposes for which they were written, and the lives of the authors. Each week at home the student will read, answer study guide questions, and do occasional worksheets. The composition portion will cover concepts of IEW incorporating reports and creative writing relating to our reading. In class, students will review literature study guides, take notes from lecture, and be given the following week's composition instruction. There will be two tests per semester.

Course Objectives:

- * Introduce students to quality, classic, age-appropriate literature
- * Learn the process for putting together well-structured compositions
- * Learn the skill of taking notes from lecture
- * Acquire various broadly applicable academic and organizational skills
- * Practice the essential life skills of following instructions and being responsible for one's own tasks
- * Prepare students for their next level of education

Required Books: Any edition, including ebook or audiobook, as long as it is in the original language and length (no abridged versions)

Bud, Not Buddy (Christopher Paul Curtis)

Where the Red Fern Grows (Wilson Rawls)

Out of the Dust (Karen Hesse)

Number the Stars (Lois Lowry)

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (C.S. Lewis)

A Wrinkle in Time (Madeleine L'Engle)

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*Excel guidelines require students to be 11 by August 1st to be considered in 6th grade

Supply List:

- * Three ring binder, 1 ½ to 2 inch thick
- * One set of 6 tab dividers
- * Loose leaf paper
- * Blue or black pens

Additional requirements:

Internet access (including a Google account), e-mail, word processing, library card and a working printer

PROJECTED MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH CLASSES:Literature Subjects

2023-2024	Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome
2024-2025	Middle Ages and Renaissance
2025-2026	Early American History
2026-2027	20 th Century USA and Europe