

Literature Alive: *Literary Analysis with Writing*

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Location: First Baptist Fannin

Course Description:

Does literature come alive for you? This class will introduce you to a method of “deep reading.” This approach helps you learn about the contexts of stories, including the historic, literary, and artistic content of the works, in addition to the plot, setting, characterization, and other elements of the text. The works will come alive as you learn the basics of analyzing literature in a discussion based engaging setting while becoming familiar with some of the greatest writers of all time. World view lessons will be sprinkled in as we discuss the messages begin subtly conveyed through familiar stories. The goal is to prepare the high school students to write and discuss literature in a way that will prepare them academically for college while also preparing their hearts to stand firm in their Christian beliefs. Every piece of literature is written from a specific worldview. It is important that we provide our students with analytical tools needed to recognize and be on guard against ideas that lead them away from the Christian world view.

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it. - Aristotle

Student Text:

Various works of Literature (TBD)

Grade Level: 9th-12th grade students

Class Fees:

\$320 (\$40 per month, \$160 per semester), \$20 supply fee

Supplies needed: notebook, writing utensil, willingness to read great literature

Grading Scale:

A	90-100	Superior Quality Work
B	80-89	Above Average Work
C	70- 79	Average Work
D	60- 69	Below Average Work
F	59-0	Failing

(This class is equal to one English Credit towards graduation. If you need help knowing how to label this class on a transcript, please feel free to contact me.)

Grade Breakdown:

Homework:	20%
Class Participation:	25%
Projects:	25%
Papers:	30%

Absence Policy:

If absent, the student is responsible for contacting me about their missed assignments.

Late work:

Ten points will be deducted for each class period that an assignment is late unless student was absent or has contacted me in advance with a valid excuse.

Class Communications:

I will use the Remind app to keep students and parents updated on important information for this class.

About the Instructor:

My degree is in Journalism/Mass Communications with a specialization in Public Relations from Samford University. I have minors in history and religion. I have 26 hours towards my Masters of Arts in Christian Studies from Southeastern Theological Seminary and expect to have it completed in 2023. I have homeschooled and taught other homeschooled children in co-op settings for 18 years. I have a child with dyslexia and love to partner with parents to turn learning difficulties into character strengths. I am passionate about teaching and I have a heart for preparing homeschoolers for all that God has intended for their lives!