

Introduction to Literature

Grade 12 English Elective

One Semester Course

Course Description

Introduction to Literature introduces students to the artistic complexity, depth, and nuance of literature and develops the important skills of critical thinking and effective communication. Students analyze literary works from diverse historical, cultural, and literary contexts to build cultural awareness and capacity for ethical and socially responsible reasoning. Through close reading, students practice literary analysis and argumentation. Students examine literature with reference to how publication and reception influence literary works at the time of publication and beyond. Students explore how literature can reflect, but also challenge, cultural, social, and literary norms.

This is a Dual Credit course. Students who successfully complete Introduction to Literature will have the opportunity to earn 3 hours of college credit in ENGLI 1130 through the College of DuPage.

Essential Standards

- Examine literary works that are diverse in terms of genre, culture, time period, place and conditions of publication, and/or authorship
- Practice close reading in order to formulate interpretations that are grounded in evidence from primary texts
- Apply terminology and practices associated with literary analysis
- Interpret literature in relation to social, cultural, and historical contexts
- Communicate how the material conditions of publication, reception, and dissemination affect literary works
- Examine how literary works reflect and challenge the literary conventions within which they are produced
- Analyze literary works for artistic complexity, depth, and nuance