

Summer 2017

AP/EN 3174 3.0M (S2) *20th Century Children's Literature*

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Delivery Format:

Fully Online

Time:

NA

Description:

This course focuses on children's literature from the 20th and 21st centuries. According to Peter Hunt, "The study of children's literature involves three elements – the literature, the children and the adult critics. The relationship between these is complex, partly because childhood and 'the child' are difficult to define, partly because adults need to 'construct' the child...and partly because the literature is assumed to be 'good for' children in some way." These three elements shape this course's exploration of possible ways of reading children's literature. In addition to the works of fiction, this course incorporates a variety of theoretical texts, which address such concerns as constructions of childhood, definitions of children's literature, and the issue of power and childhood. This selection of primary and secondary course readings enables our examination of children and young adult anxieties about selfhood, gender, class, sexual orientation, and race. The serious issues that modern children's literature delves into — the struggle of identity, of class inequity, of racial oppression, of child exploitation, and of sexual awakening—depart fundamentally from literature pre-dating the twentieth century.

Category:

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Area:

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Period:

NA

Historical Requirement:

NA

Requirements:

Comparative Essay, 1700 words (25%); 2 Discussion Forum Papers, 350-500 words each (each paper 10% for a total of 20%); 2 Quizzes (each 10% for a total of 20%); ****Final Exam**** (30%); Participation in online discussions (5%).

****The Final Exam will be held onsite during the official final examination period****

Reading List:

Barrie, J.M. *Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens/Peter and Wendy* . Oxford World's Classics
Burnett, Frances Hodgson. *The Secret Garden* . HarperTrophy
Collins, *The Hunger Games* . Scholastic Press
Fitzhugh, Louise. *Harriet the Spy* . Yearling
Keats, Ezra Jack. *The Snowy Day* . Puffin Books
Mckissack, Patricia. *The Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural* . (Yearling)
Milne, A. A. *Winnie the Pooh* . Puffin Books
Milne, A. A. *The House at Pooh Corner* . Puffin Books
Nourbese Philip, Marlene. *Harriet's Daughter* . Women's Press
Potter, Beatrix. *Peter Rabbit* . ONLINE
Richardson, Justin and Peter Parnell. *And Tango Makes Three* . Simon & Schuster Books
Rowling, J. R. *The Philosopher's Stone* . (Bloomsbury)
Sendak, Maurice. *Where the Wild Things Are*. Harper Trophy
Stewart, Elizabeth *The Lynching of Louie Sam* . Annick Press
Sterling, Shirley. *My Name is Seepeetza* . Groundwood Books
Tamaki, Jillian. *Skim* . Groundwood Books
Tan, *Lost & Found* .

Open To:

Yr2, Yr3, Yr4