

Summer 2018

AP/EN 1006 3.0A (S1)

A Writer's Introduction to Literary Forms

Course Director:

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Delivery Format:

Fully Online

Time:

NA

Description:

This course explores the reflexive relationship between form and content as expressed in three major literary genres: poetry, prose narrative, and drama. We shall seek to understand the distinctive qualities and conventions of each genre as we examine in detail how the parts of various texts, from chapter divisions to word choice, are selected, put together, and arranged to make meaning. Within each genre, we shall focus our attention on specific forms: the sonnet form in poetry, shorter and longer fiction in prose narrative, and tragedy and comedy in drama. We shall seek out commonalities and differences between these forms by asking the following kinds of questions: What does the sonnet form have in common with the short story? How is a short story different from a novel, and what drives writers to select one form over another to suit their creative purposes? Through online lectures on Moodle in conjunction with an online discussion forum, the course will assist students with developing critical skills in literary analysis as well as specific reading strategies that they can apply to answering these questions.

Category:

NA

Area:

NA

Period:

NA

Historical Requirement:

NA

Requirements:

(to be finalized in the first 2 weeks of the course)

1 essay (5-6 pages, double-spaced @ 25%)

Writing Exercise (Titles Analysis @ 25%)

Final Test (online, timed @ 30%)

Discussion Forum (20%)

Reading List:

1) William Whitla. *The English Handbook: A Guide to Literary Studies* (Wiley-Blackwell)

2) Anne Tyler. *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant* (Ballantine)

These texts will be available at the York Bookstore; other required texts (i.e., poetry, short stories, and plays) will be available online through the course website.

Open To:

All Year Levels