

Fall/Winter 2018-2019

AP/EN 3160 6.0A (Y)

Literature of the Fantastic

Course Director:

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Delivery Format:

Fully Online

Time:

Fully Online

Description:

This course examines fantasy literature from the 18th century to the present day. It provides an introduction to the history, conventions, and types of fantasy writing through a broad survey of notable examples of the genre, from Gulliver's Travels and The Castle of Otranto to A Game of Thrones and The Hunger Games. Students will learn about fantasy subgenres (e.g., gothic fantasy, portal fantasy, epic fantasy, dystopian fiction, science fiction, and children's fantasy), while exploring a range of critical approaches to the fantastic (including genre, reader-response, postcolonial, and mythopoeic theories). Course topics include escapism; allegory and satire; realism; the uses of history and myth; quest narratives; heroism; gender; serialization, recycling, and adaptation; and the commodification of fantasy.

Category:

B

Historical Requirement:

Time Period II (3 Credits)

Requirements:

Fall-term essay (7-8 pages)	30%
Winter-term essay (7-8 pages)	30%
Final Exam	25%
Participation	15%

Reading List:

Jonathan Swift, *Gulliver's Travels* (Oxford World's Classics)
Horace Walpole, *The Castle of Otranto* (Oxford World's Classics)
Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein* (Oxford World's Classics)
Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol and Other Christmas Writings* (Penguin Classics)
Lewis Carroll, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (Oxford World's Classics)
L. Frank Baum, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* (Oxford World's Classics)
H. P. Lovecraft, *At the Mountains of Madness* (Modern Library Classics)
J. R. R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit* (Houghton Mifflin)
C. S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (HarperCollins)
Ursula Le Guin, *A Wizard of Earthsea* (Houghton Mifflin)
Octavia Butler, *Bloodchild and Other Stories* (Seven Stories Press)
Salman Rushdie, *Haroun and the Sea of Stories* (Penguin)
George R. R. Martin, *A Game of Thrones* (Bantam)
Suzanne Collins, *The Hunger Games* (Scholastic)

Open To:

Year 3 & 4