



SLCA SYLLABUS 2018-2019 LITERATURE 8

Mission Statement: SouthLake Christian Academy exists for the sake of God's glory and mission; proclaiming the gospel and discipling the whole person in all aspects of God's reality.

Course Description: Eighth Grade Literature focuses on a study of literary genres including short story, novel, poetry, drama, and nonfiction. In the light of a Christian worldview, students will read and analyze various works. Students will continue their development of vocabulary and apply effective reading strategies to a wide variety of literary and informational texts. By investigating the literary devices the authors use and noting the historical context of various works, the students will gain critical perspectives of the literary works in their artistic, chronological, and cultural context.

Course Objectives:

- Use word recognition and vocabulary skills to communicate.
- Apply strategies and skills to comprehend, respond to, interpret, or evaluate a variety of texts of increasing levels of difficulty.
- Express, communicate, evaluate, or exchange ideas effectively.

Texts:

****Required**:** *The Everyday Writer*, Sixth Edition (With 2016 MLA Update and Exercises)

By Andrea Lunsford

ISBN-10: 1-319-11780-5

[Students will need to purchase prior to second semester.]

ISBN-13: 978-1-319-11780-1

First Quarter: *Poetry and Short Stories (Literature and the Language Arts, Responding to Literature by EMC/Paradigm Publishing, 1997-provided by SLCA).*

Second Quarter: *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien (provided by SLCA).

Third Quarter: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee (provided by the SLCA).

Fourth Quarter: In preparation for annotating literature, which will be expected in high school, students will be required to purchase the novel for fourth quarter. The ISBN # and title of the novel will be given before Christmas Break.

Test Makeup Policy:

- All tests must be made up as soon as possible. Students are responsible to make arrangements with the teacher for completing missed tests.
- Students must complete the test in the allotted time designated by their teacher.

Classroom Expectations:

- **Absolutely** no *Cliff® Notes*, *Spark Notes*, on-line summaries, or any other of this type is to be used.
- Follow all rules as outlined in the SouthLake Student Handbook.
- Come prepared with textbook, paper, and writing utensil. I Timothy 6:18-19
- Show respect to the teacher and to other students. Matthew 7:12
- Be diligent in your work. Colossians 3: 23-24
- Display academic honesty. Proverbs 12:17-22

Evaluation:

- **Homework Policy** – Homework and class work will make up 10% of the overall grade. Homework will be assigned and checked for completion. All students begin the semester with a 100% homework grade. For each assignment not completed, 3 points will be subtracted. For example, if three homework assignments are not completed, then the overall homework grade would be 91%. No credit will be given for late assignments.
- **Tests** comprise 70% of a student's grade. Four major test scores will be included in each nine weeks and may include major projects or writing assignments.
- **Quizzes** comprise 20% of the grade. Quizzes **may or may not** be announced.
- **No extra credit** will be offered per school policy.

Required Supplies:

- Notebook paper and 3x5 index cards
- Pencils, blue/ black pens, & red pens for corrections
- One college ruled composition notebook (Mead/No Spiral)
- 1 inch 3 ring binder with dividers (at least 5 dividers)
- 2 glue sticks
- Highlighters
- Post It Page Flags
- Crayola Twistables

****Supplies will need to be replenished as needed throughout the year.***