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## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL LITERATURE CLASSES

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The literature classes are designed to enhance the student's background in literature and to equip the student with tools for literary analysis. Students will read the works of well-known authors, works representing a variety of genres. Each Friday, the teacher will give the students reading and writing assignments for independent study, and in class each Friday students will have the opportunity to share their observations and opinions with fellow students in teacher-directed discussions. Students will write informal and formal responses and essays and one formal literary analysis each semester. Assigned books may be checked out of the library or purchased at book stores. Most can usually be found at our good used bookstores here.

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### British Literature—Second Period

Materials fee: \$45.00 Monthly Tuition: \$60.00

British literature is a senior level course and is offered to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Seniors and juniors and returning students are given preference.

Description: A Survey of British Literature is an overview of English literature from the Old English through the Modern English periods, with an examination of the Christian influence as the "thread that runs so true." The course is designed to give students the opportunity to interact with the material in writing and in classroom discussions. In addition to reading assignments in the text and in writing assignments, there will be one book assigned to read each month and a formal critical analysis to be written one semester.

Textbook: British Literature (Bob Jones) Note: The text does not need to be the new edition.

Assigned Readings: The first two books will be Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad and Till We Have Faces by C. S. Lewis.

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## American Literature—Third Period

Materials fee: \$45.00 Monthly Tuition: \$60.00

The course is open to all high school students and advanced eighth graders.

The American Literature is a good course for a first-year high school student

Note: I am encouraging seniors who have never had British Literature to take British Literature.

Description: American Literature consists of readings in American literature with an overview of literary periods, trends, genres, and American authors.

Textbook: American Literature(Bob Jones). Note: The text does not need to be the new edition.

Assigned readings will include: The Old Man and the Sea by Hemingway, The Pearl by Steinbeck, The Scarlet Letter by Hawthorne, Up From Slavery by Washington, Huckleberry Finn by Twain, and Ben-Hur by Wallace.

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## World Literature—Fourth Period

Materials fee: \$45.00 Monthly Tuition: \$60.00

World Literature is open to high school students, ninth through twelfth grades.

Description: World Literature is a high school course designed to strengthen the student's background in well-known works and authors from ancient through modern literature, authors and works representing a diversity of cultures. Works of Ancient Mesopotamia and Greece and Rome are studied, and selections from modern literature are examined to introduce students to well-known authors and themes of literature.

Included in the textbook, which is provided, are the following:

The Epic of Gilgamesh

Selections from the Bible

Selections from The Iliad

Sophocles' Oedipus Rex

Selections by Virgil, Guy de Maupassant, Leo Tolstoy,

Anton Chekhov, Franz Kafka, Pablo Neruda

The textbook is provided. Additional works will be assigned. These may be checked out of the public library or bought.

One of the works that the student will need, in addition to the textbook, is The Odyssey translated by Fitzgerald

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