

## BOOK STUDIES

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**Description.** The Book Studies course is designed as a fundamentals of literature for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders.

No literary or writing knowledge and experience is required for this course. Students learn and use literary terms in class discussions and in formal and informal essays, using the MLA format. Class discussions include teacher-directed discussions, as well as collaborative groups of students who investigate a topic and present a teaching presentation to classmates. Students will study the parts of a literary work: conflict, characters, setting, plot, theme, structure, point of view, tone, imaginative language, allusion, irony, and symbolism. The focus is on book studies with connections to poetry and drama. Archetypes are examined and connected with movies and other forms of drama.