

Literature Language and Writing G4 Syllabus

Course Description: Through short stories, fiction, and poetry reading, students will gain the fundamentals of reading and writing with a literary focus. Students will read, discuss and analyze the literary and language elements of the various texts, synthesize original ideas, and transfer understanding to writing. They will not only read a wide array of classic literature but also learn multiple types of writing and complete a final writing project at the end of each unit.

Weekly Assessments:

Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension/ Reading & Writing homework related to discussion

Unit 1: Short Stories

Objective: In this unit, students will create a strong reading and writing foundation. They will be introduced to a variety of themes and begin analyzing the text in a more complex manner. This unit will have a creative writing focus, and students will learn to write descriptively with precise and detailed language.

Text to World Connection
Theme Introduction
Descriptive Language
Creative Writing

Final Project: Response to Literature Reflection and Writing

Unit 2: Novels

[List TBD]

Objective: In this unit, students will not only engage with the text on a fundamental level but also be challenged to think more complexly. They will learn to create their own unique opinions about the reading and express those ideas through verbal and written form. This unit will have a literary analysis focus.

Plot Understanding
Extracting Evidence
Symbolism
Essay Structure/Organization
Theme Analysis/Writing

Final Project: Writing Project Outline + Writing Project Final

Unit 3: Poems

Objective: Students will read poems and learn to write one of their own. They will also compare and contrast the poem with a short story or novel they read from the past semester. This unit will have a poetry writing focus.

Poetic Structure
Figurative Language
Poem Writing

Final Project: Final Presentation/ Poetry Writing

