

General Literature (9th grade)

This course covers 3 main areas of language ability:

- Grammar. The grammar units will review major parts of speech and their functions in a sentence.
- Vocabulary. Vocabulary lists and quizzes will occur approximately every other week. They include spelling, vocabulary, and proper word usage.
- Literature. A variety of short stories and poems will illustrate basic concepts of literature. Students will then more deeply analyze longer works of literature, including some oral communication through acting scenes with student-written scripts and recitations.

All high school students are required to do quarterly book reports on a book chosen from my book list. The book report requires plot synopsis, analysis of the theme, moral tone, and interest. The purpose of these reports is to teach students to become discerning readers of all literature, secular or otherwise.

UNITS:

1. Grammar 1: Verbs
 - a. Fragments and Run-ons
 - b. Types of verbs
 - c. Transitive/intransitive
 - d. Verbals
 - e. Active/passive voice
2. Literature 1: Conflict, Character
 - a. "Miss Hinch"
 - b. "The Duel"
 - c. "Robin Hood"
 - d. "The Lion's Paw"
 - e. "Phaethon"
 - f. "Neighbor Rosicky"
 - g. "The Revolt of Mother"
 - h. "Marjorie Daw"
 - i. "My Last Duchess"
3. Grammar 2: Nouns
 - a. Subject/verb agreement
 - b. Predicate nominatives
 - c. Indirect and direct objects
 - d. Objects of prepositions
 - e. Appositives
 - f. Nouns of direct address
 - g. Gerunds
 - h. Infinitives
 - i. Noun clauses
4. Literature 2: Theme, Structure
 - a. Short stories:
 - 1) "The Silver Mine"
 - 2) "Quality"
 - 3) "Dr. Heidegger's Experiment"
 - 4) "Beauty and the Beast"
 - 5) "The Gold-Bug"
 - 6) "The Adventure of the Beryl Coronet"
 - 7) "A Bit of String"
 - b. Poetry
 - 1) "When You Are Old"
 - 2) "The Jumbies"
 - 3) "Charge of the Light Brigade"
 - 4) "Destruction of Sennacherib"
 - 5) "The Eagle"
 - 6) "Splinter"
 - 7) from *Julius Caesar*
 - 8) from *Essay on Criticism*
 - 9) "Allen-a-Dale"
 - 10) "Bonnie George Campbell"
 - 11) "Holy Sonnet 10"
 - 12) "When in disgrace"
 - 13) "The Limerick"
 - 14) "The Tutor"
 - 15) "Japanese Haiku"
 - 16) "400-Meter Freestyle"
 - 17) "A Christmas Tree"
 - 18) "The Altar"
5. Grammar 3: Pronouns, Clauses, Punctuation
 - a. Pronoun-antecedent agreement
 - b. Pronoun reference
 - c. Adjective/adverb clauses
 - d. Sentence types
 - e. Commas
 - f. Semicolons/colons
6. Literature 3: Point of View
 - a. "The Forty Thieves"
 - b. "The Open Window"
 - c. "Age of Miracles"
 - d. "After the Battle"
 - e. "The Crime"
7. Literature 4: Moral Tone--*Cyrano de Bergerac*
8. Literature 5: *Great Expectations*
9. Literature 6: *Romeo and Juliet*
 - a. Recitation
 - b. Script re-written in today's English
 - c. Performance of scene

TEXTS:

1. *Grammar and Composition III* (A Beka)
2. *Fundamentals of Literature* (BJU Press)
3. *Adventures in Reading* (Harcourt Brace)