

DEPARTMENT: ENGLISH

NAME OF COURSE: CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

This elective explores the historical, psychological, sociological, and metaphorical connections of children's literature to culture and society. It also reflects perspectives of children throughout history. Instruction focuses on the reading and analysis of children's literature. Students will develop an understanding for the deeper themes incorporated in children's literature and, as a result, will be able to examine the world and make connections to their own lives. Students will also develop an understanding of child development and how reading to children is enjoyable and educational.

MAJOR TOPICS COVERED

Expository and critical essays will focus on the psychological, sociological, and metaphorical connections of children's literature to culture and society. Students will also compose picture books, fairy tales, short stories, and poetry.

LITERATURE

- Picture books
- Fairy tales
- Poetry
- Novels

REQUIREMENTS

- Major and minor papers appropriate to units of study
- Oral presentations
- Independent and group projects
- Active participation

GRADING PROCEDURES

Grades depend upon major and minor papers, projects, class participation, and homework