

**DEPARTMENT:** ENGLISH

**NAME OF COURSE:** SOPHOMORE LITERATURE SEMINAR (H)

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COURSE**

We have redesigned the course to pick up chronologically where the Freshman Literature Seminar leaves off. As always, the course is designed to expand the student's acquaintance with a variety of literary styles. We expect the student to read challenging literary works by a selection of authors, both classic and modern. We also expect the student to learn to discriminate between enduring and popular literature, although there is room to indulge personal tastes in outside reading.

**MAJOR TOPICS COVERED**

***Language***

We review grammatical and usage concepts with special attention to the study of reference errors, dangling phrases and clauses, misplaced modifiers, parallel structure, the subjunctive, and verbals. We also place emphasis upon word study and the refinement of sentence structure.

***Literature***

We challenge students to confront ethical and moral issues in literature and to consider reasonable ways of resolving them.

***Composition***

The writing program ranges from personal reaction topics to expository themes, emphasizing organization and revision. We occasionally review and discuss films in class, or use them as subjects for writing. Classes review usage and we encourage students to keep a file of personal usage problems. A process writing approach allows for revision. We also provide for interdisciplinary and authentic assessment projects.

**LITERATURE\***

Works May Include:

*The Catcher in the Rye*  
*Oedipus Rex or Antigone*  
*Lord of the Flies*  
*Julius Caesar or Othello*  
*The Dew Breaker*  
*A Different Drummer*  
*Frankenstein*

*Interpreter of Maladies*  
*Siddhartha*  
*A Doll's House*  
*An Enemy of the People*  
*A Tale of Two Cities*  
*All Quiet on the Western Front*  
*Poetry and stories from around the world*

**REGULAR OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS**

Outside reading chosen by the student or assigned by the teacher.  
Vocabulary from literature

**GRADING PROCEDURES**

Grades depend on major papers, tests, quizzes, projects, oral reports, class participation and homework. The department final examination counts as one-fifth of the final average.