

World Literature Focus

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High School Writing and Grammar credit

Grade: 9th -12th

Fees: \$35 tuition per month

Course Description:

We will read a variety of world literature works past and present (including Shakespeare) and write a variety of response papers for the majority of the readings. We will focus on the five common topics (definition, comparison, circumstance, relationship, and authority) to discuss and refine our chosen topics for writing. We will also discuss grammar rules, mechanics, and other good writing practices. **Alternate reading lists will be provided for those who have read the primary literature list.**

Textbooks:

1) *The Lost Tools of Writing Level One Student Workbook by Circe Institute*. The student will need the workbook and extra pages of the “invention” page. We will use this workbook as our basis for all of our essays during the year. In the second semester, we will also introduce comparison essays.

2) *The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation: An Easy-to-Use Guide with Clear Rules, RealWorld Examples, and Reproducible Quizzes* (11th or 12th editions are fine).

3) **Additionally**, we will be reading the following books and stories. Used, unabridged copies are fine. Please let me know if you have difficulty finding titles. I truly love to hunt for books! *We may not write a paper on every book or story, but we will discuss them in class.

A sampling of titles: (we will read approximately 8 titles):

The Iliad by Homer

Beowulf (Seamus Heaney’s translation)

Plutarch’s Life of Caesar