

# World Literature Syllabus 2020-2021

**Textbook:** *Literature and the Language Arts*, from the EMC Masterpiece Series

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## Course Description

This course introduces students to major themes in world literature across the centuries with reading from many countries and diverse cultures. It encourages free voluntary reading and the development of critical thinking skills with an emphasis on the emergence of a student's own voice through the critical essay.

## Objectives

**To give you, the student, the opportunity to:**

- become proficient at writing critical essays about literature and other assigned topics.
- understand how, and be able to analyze and commentate critically on literary works.
- become proficient at understanding grammar usage/conventions within the context of literature.
- learn to **LOVE** to read!

## Required books in addition to the text:

1. *Animal Farm* by George Orwell – 1<sup>st</sup> semester
2. *The Count of Monte Cristo* – **abridged version** by Alexandre Dumas – 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

**There is no extra credit offered in this class, so please don't ask.**

## Grading Scale/Weighting

90-100% = A, 80-89% = B, 70-79% = C, 60-69% = D, 59 and below = F

Essays – 30%, Tests/Quizzes/Projects – 25%, Final – 25%, AR Reading\* – 20%

\*Your AR grade is based on the number of points you receive per semester. The point totals needed per semester are as follows: A=80 pts., B=70 pts., C=60 pts. D=under 60 pts, but above 0 pts., F=0 pts.

## Essays and Tests

Essays must be turned in the days they are due. An essay will go down one letter grade for every day it is late. Due to distance learning, quizzes and tests will be largely open book/note, which is why essays will make up a larger percentage of your grade than they normally do.

## Homework

During distance learning, except for AR reading, there will be no homework assigned. However, if you fall behind in classwork, you will be responsible to make that up outside of class.



## 2020-21 World Literature Required Books

Each student will be required to obtain the following books for this class:

Title/Author	Purchase through RHP	Link to purchase through Amazon
<i>Animal Farm</i> by George Orwell	\$10.00	<a href="#">\$8.69</a>
<i>Count of Monte Cristo</i> by Alexandre Dumas ISBN 978-0-533-21350-8	\$8.00	<a href="#">\$6.95</a>

If you would like to purchase your books from Rio Hondo Prep, circle the titles required and return this form with payment to the school office. Please note that Amazon prices may change.