

2018-2019

High School Writing Through Literature

Thursdays 1:00 - 2:30

Grade Level: 10-12 (9 with teacher pre-approval)

Teachers: Stacy Pratt and Catherine Velleco

Student Fee: \$25 (Payable to S. Pratt)

Copy Fee: \$5 (Payable to the church)

Overview: This High School writing course will challenge students to improve their writing skills, while strengthening their ability to understand and analyze literature themes found in Renaissance and Reformation literary works. Though all the titles have not been selected, they will include works from Shakespeare and C.S. Lewis. As students read to understand literature from a Biblical worldview, they will examine the literary works through a variety of writing styles. Those styles include and are not limited to: creative writing, research-based writing, essays, and critical literary analysis. Students can expect to improve analysis, build vocabulary, and improve their writing skills through planning, organizing, drafting, editing, and revising their written work. In addition, there will be tests, quizzes, movie viewing, and more. Students will complete a summer reading assignment.

Expectations: Since this class will primarily focus on writing, students will follow a strict rubric for their various writing assignments. Students will be expected to read the assigned titles and be prepared to engage in class discussion. Parents will be required to proofread essays to verify that the student followed the rubric's requirements. They will also assist their student in staying accountable to complete and submit assignments on time.

Homework: Students can expect to spend about 3-4 hours a week on reading and writing assignments.

Required Texts: TBD

Materials Needed: spiral notebook, 3-ring binder (2") with 5 dividers, notebook paper, #2 pencils, dictionary or dictionary phone app, highlighters