

# British Literature (English)

Elective - Semester - 10/11/12

Prerequisites: None

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## Course Description

The purpose of this course is to read and study British Literature to develop correct habits of analysis and evaluation and to achieve a greater mastery of writing skills.

## Course Goals

The Christian teacher will:

1. foster an appreciation of worthwhile literature.
2. teach and encourage growth in language skills according to the various God-given talents of each student.
3. develop communication skills in reading, vocabulary, and writing.
4. model and promote a love of language and literature.
5. make life applications to lessons and assignments.

## Course Objectives

The student should be able to:

1. appreciate God's gift of language.
2. effectively communicate the gospel so that God's Word will be spread to all nations.
3. understand proper sentence structure.
4. communicate effectively through discussion and writing.
5. understand the form, nature, and terminology of poetry and the characteristics of the short story and novel.
6. appreciate the different genres of British Literature.
7. understand the background and writing style of famous British authors.

## Course Outline

A historical approach to selected works by British authors from Anglo-Saxon times through the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Readings will include fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and Shakespeare. Outside reading will occur in a variety of novel choices. Written papers or presentations accompany each major work. Writing will include sentence writing, literary responses, essay answers, paragraphs.

## Instructional Strategies

Various strategies will be used during this course. They include lecture, visual presentation, group work, outside projects, oral readings, self-study, and use of computers.

## Grading

The following are methods of evaluation that will be used to determine a student's overall grade for each marking period.

Rubrics or guidelines will be given to students for projects and speeches so that what is expected is clearly stated. Homework, tests, and quizzes will be graded on strict percentage. The following grading scale will be used:

A.....100-96%	B+.....92-90%	C+.....83-81%	D+.....74-72%
A-.....95-93%	B.....89-87%	C.....80-78%	D.....71-68%
	B-.....86-84%	C-.....77-75%	D-.....67-65%

## Student Materials

- Three ring binder with six pocket dividers
- Loose leaf paper for taking notes
- Pens and pencils
- A copy of selected novels\*

\* Ordering of novels will take place 3-4 weeks prior to the onset of reading them.

### **Classroom Procedures**

- Students must be in their seat when the bell rings or a tardy will be given.
- Food and drink are to be consumed at lunch or during breaks, not during class.
- Quizzes, tests, and assignments that are not completed due to illness or extenuating circumstances will be completed as soon as possible. Parents can call the office and request assignments for the day...take advantage of this! Upon returning to school, please speak with me about assignments missed and when they will be completed.

Reminder: It is the responsibility of the student to turn in homework assignments due the day he/she was not in class.