

Course #	Class Title				Instructor		Instructor Fee*	Materials Fee*
	Literature and Composition through History 20th c.				Virginia Thompson		\$40	\$20
Grades	Class Days	# Semesters	# Weeks/Sem.	Credit Hrs*	Min # Students	Max # Students	Last Day to Add New Students	
5-8	Tuesday	2	15	n/a	4	10	any time	
Pre-Requisites							2nd semester: New Students?	
none							yes	
Required Materials (To Be Supplied by Family)								
The literature books as indicated by the syllabus. These can be library or kindle versions, the hard copy is not required. Dedicated notebook or folder, paper and pencil to each class, please.								
Description								
<p>In this class, middle grades students will explore world history of the 20th century through both historical fiction and the literature of those times and places. Titles will be chosen based on students' and parents' needs, but will be appropriate for middle schoolers. I plan to include <i>Little Britches</i>, <i>War Horse</i>, <i>The Gadget</i>, <i>The Winged Watchman</i>, <i>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</i>, and <i>Between the Lines</i> by local author Claudia Whitsitt, "Beware of the Dog", The "Open Window" and a few other short stories, and a little poetry. My booklist is not finalized, but we will read about 12 books over the course of the year. All reading will be done at home.</p> <p>In class, we'll discuss, do some small projects related to the time of the book, and learn more about the history of that period.</p> <p>Each student will complete a project each semester on a topic of his/her choice relating to the time period. This will include a written report, and an oral presentation to the class with a visual component.</p> <p>Besides reading, students will complete a written assignment on each book. These will primarily be in short essay form, responding to a question or prompt related to the text. Each will receive "IEW-style" feedback on structure and style, grammar, mechanics, and content. Parents may choose to register for the literature portion only, with a corresponding discount.</p> <p>This class is not primarily for a grade, but I will be in touch with parents regarding the grade you may wish to assign based on the amount and quality of your student's work. The course does not provide a full year of either English or history, but could be about half of either subject in your homeschool curriculum.</p> <p>This class is the fourth in a series of four years from ancient times to the 20th century.</p>								
Students should have the ability and time to read about 1/2 of a grade-level appropriate novel and write a short essay each week. Please dedicate 4-6 hours of homework time per week to the class.								

*Materials Fees and Instructor Fees are per semester unless otherwise indicated in the Other Information. Materials fee is non-refundable.

* Credit Hours: COVE does not issue high school credits. These are suggested credit hours to be assigned by the parents. Suggested grade is given by teachers. Final grade assignment is the responsibility of the parent.