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English 1B: Introduction to Literature

Syllabus

Summer 2023

Student Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a self-directed independent interpretation of a work or pair of works supported by the assigned texts. • Discuss literature, supporting their comments with reference to the text. • Successfully explicate a sample of literature from several genres—including poetry, short story, and play (can also include novel, essay, or film) using literary vocabulary. • Write an essay citing published peer-reviewed literary analysis of at least 1000 words.
Texts/Supplies	<p><u>The Norton Introduction to Literature</u> (Mays, Portable Fourteenth Edition); this is the preferred edition; other editions may have most of the assigned readings, but you will be responsible for obtaining any readings not available through an alternative text.</p> <p><u>Across a Hundred Mountains</u> (Grande)</p>
Online Course Site and Communication	<p>To access the course site, please login to the SCCCD portal. If, for any reason, the portal is down, use the following URL: http://sccd.instructure.com. If you do not know your username/password or otherwise need assistance, please call: (559) 499-6070.</p> <p>You will need to be officially enrolled before you will be allowed to enter the site. All communication related to this class will use either our Canvas course site (Announcements, Discussion Board, Canvas messaging etc.) or your District-supplied e-mail address (@my.sccd.edu). Please check your</p>

	district e-mail address regularly or find out how to forward messages from that address to an address you are in the habit of checking.
Necessary Programs	In order to do work from home, you should have the following programs (all of which are installed on computers on-campus): Internet browser (such as Internet Explorer, Firefox, or Chrome); e-mail access; word processor (MS Word preferably, see Paper Format below); Adobe Acrobat Reader for research materials.
Attendance and Class Activities	Although this class is fully online, it has been set up on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday basis, with the exception of holidays (Juneteenth, Fourth of July). Lectures, reading assignments, discussion activities, and writing assignments will become available a day ahead of each class session. The degree to which you are successful in this class will be a direct reflection of how seriously you take each of these assignments and activities. If you miss more than three assignments within the first nine class sessions, you will be dropped.
Discussions	<p>The Discussion Board is where the ongoing learning of the class takes place, and as such we want to grant it the importance it is due. Please take note of the following observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First, unlike discussion in a traditional classroom, you have the opportunity to think carefully and deeply about the things that you “say” on the Discussion Board without the constraint of time pressure or the concern of whether or not your voice will be heard over the voices of others; you also have the opportunity to edit your remarks. Please take advantage of those opportunities. • Second, because this is an academic environment, please do not consider the Discussion Board as analogous to text messaging, instant messaging, or e-mail to friends. Your comments should be grammatical and mechanically sound with regards to spelling and punctuation. • Third, your role on the discussion board is to talk with each other about the reading. While we will be starting the conversation with questions, we hope that you will address your comments to each other. Make this a meaningful conversation rather than a make-work activity. We will, of course, answer questions that you have about assignments, but we would like for you to use the discussion board as a way of learning from each other. • Fourth, you should respond to each discussion forum that we start (and you will need to respond in order to see the posts of others); you should also interact with at least two of your fellow class members in a thoughtful way. For more about this, please see the following page: A Word about Your Discussion Board Responses. PLEASE NOTE: Your work needs to be your own, not copied from another source.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finally, remember that while a significant portion of your grade is based upon the quantity, more important are the quality and timeliness of your participation.
<p>Late Papers, Missed Exams</p>	<p>We will accept no late papers unless you have contacted us prior to the deadline posted for the assignment. There will be no make-ups of missed discussion assignments.</p>
<p>Grades</p>	<p>There will be three papers (on short fiction, poetry, and on tragedy in drama); a midterm essay; and a final essay during the course of the semester. The papers and essays will be judged on the basis of style, organization, content, and the degree to which you have followed the directions for the assignment. No essay seriously deficient in the area of mechanics (spelling, grammar, punctuation) will receive a passing grade.</p> <p>There will be approximately fifteen discussion activities assigned throughout this summer semester.</p> <p>The assignment schedule and grade scales are listed below.</p>
<p>Plagiarism and use of AI text generators</p>	<p>Use of another’s work as though it were your own will not be tolerated. In the current Reedley College Catalog, plagiarism is defined as follows:</p> <p>Plagiarism is a specific form of cheating: the use of another’s words or ideas without identifying them as such or giving credit to the source. Plagiarism may include, but is not limited to, failing to provide complete citations and references for all work that draws on the ideas, words, or work of others, failing to identify the contributors to work done in collaboration, submitting duplicate work to be evaluated in different courses without the knowledge and consent of the instructors involved, or failing to observe computer security systems and software copyrights. Incidents of cheating and plagiarism may result in any of a variety of sanctions and penalties, which may range from a failing grade on the particular examination, paper, project, or assignment in question to a failing grade in the course, at the discretion of the instructor and depending on the severity and frequency of the incidents.</p> <p>***With the recent proliferation of AI-generated text, please understand the following: AI language models such as ChatGPT ARE NOT a substitute for human response or critical thinking. Such use must be limited to academic-related questions, clarifying concepts, and getting feedback on drafts of your OWN writing. You are encouraged to use ChatGPT as a supplement (if at all), with the understanding you seek HUMAN guidance from us as your instructors or our tutors. Please be respectful and honest. Your work needs to be YOUR ORIGINAL work. If AI-generated text is submitted in response</p>

	<p>to any of the assigned writing for this course, it will be considered plagiarism.</p> <p><i>Verified instances of plagiarism will result in an automatic 0 for the assignment, and the student responsible will be reported to the office of the Vice Presidents for Instruction and Student Services, the Dean of Humanities, the Dean of Student Services, and the Chair of the English Department.</i></p>														
Paper Format	<p>All work must be typed, double-spaced, and in 12-point Times Roman type. Submitted papers must follow MLA Guidelines regarding manuscript format. You must submit your work via the Assignments area. Do not submit work via e-mail unless expressly instructed to do so. You must submit papers in Word format (*.docx or *.doc). All other formats will remain ungraded. Please use the MLA resource button on our course menu on the left side of the page.</p>														
Accommodation	<p>If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e. Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact us as soon as possible.</p>														
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