

## Good Books I Syllabus

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### Required Texts

*Warriner's Grammar: 4<sup>th</sup> Course*

*100 Best-Loved Poems*

*A Wrinkle in Time*, Madeleine L'Engle

*A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens

*The Jungle Book*, Rudyard Kipling

*Tom Sawyer*, Mark Twain

*The Call of the Wild*, Jack London

*King Arthur and His Knights*, Howard Pyle

*Robin Hood*, Howard Pyle

### Grading

Students will be assessed at least weekly in a variety of ways, including formal papers, written and oral tests on content knowledge, reading quizzes, participation in discussions, and homework completed well and in a timely manner.

Papers: 35%

Homework: 15%

Quizzes: 15%

Participation: 10%

Tests: 20%

Presentations: 5%

### Goals for the class

1) Students will learn how to intelligently discuss classic literature in a seminar style / Socratic discussion.

- 2) Students will be able to write essays in response to literature (1-3 double spaced pages), format using Chicago Style, and cite multiple sources. They will practice Narrative, Expository, and Argument modes of writing.
- 3) Students will improve in spelling, vocabulary, grammar, and punctuation.
- 4) Students will memorize and recite poetry, and engage with literature through history, music, art, architecture, and creative writing.