

Good Books II Syllabus

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Required Texts

Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson

The Giver, Lois Lowry

Warriner's Grammar: 4th Course

The Gift of the Magi, O. Henry

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, Anonymous (trans. Tolkien)

Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare (Folger edition)

100 Best Loved Poems, ed. Philip Smith

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%

Presentations: 5%

Participation: 10%

Tests: 20%

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 (2-4 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.