



WEST HARPETH CHRISTIAN TUTORIAL

English III/IV - American Literature (23.24)

Tutor:

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Prerequisites/Additional Information:

- Students should have completed English I or its equivalent.
- Completion of English II is recommended but not required.
- This course alternates yearly between British & American Literature.
- British Literature will be offered in 24.25.



Course Description

What is your favorite book?

Perhaps after a year of American Lit, one of these great books will move to the top of your list!

This class will provide an in-depth look at classic American literature from several genres, including short stories, essays, novels, poetry and plays.

Class discussion will include information about the author, historical setting, and common literary devices and terms. Students will learn to identify themes, and analyze those themes through the lens of their own Christian worldview. Vocabulary and grammar will be taught organically in the context of the literature and essay assignments.

Books & Supplies

- Students will need copies of the following works:
 - ***The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*** - Mark Twain (**summer reading assignment**)
 - ***The Scarlet Letter*** - Nathaniel Hawthorne
 - ***The Great Gatsby*** - F. Scott Fitzgerald
 - ***To Kill a Mockingbird*** - Harper Lee
 - ***Fahrenheit 451*** - Ray Bradbury
 - ***Our Town*** - Thornton Wilder
 - ***The Glass Menagerie*** - Tennessee Williams
- Tutor will provide copies of, or links to, all short stories, poems and essay excerpts.
- 3-ring binder w. front/back pockets, with dividers labeled Notes, Discussion Questions, Quizzes/Tests, and Essays
- access to a student dictionary/thesaurus
- Periodically, students may be asked to view film adaptations of some of the works we are studying. I will give plenty of notice as to when these viewings must be completed.

Commitment

- This course meets on Thursdays.
- Depending on reading speed, approximately 4-5 hours of homework a week can be expected.
- Weekly Homework will consist of reading a literature selection, various discussion and comprehension questions, and vocabulary work.
- Students will complete a writing assignment at the end of each unit or novel.
- Students will participate in one group project, and will work on a research paper during the third quarter.
- A test will be given at the end of each unit. This will be in lieu of a cumulative semester final.
- All homework must be typed.
- All essays will follow MLA format.
- Participation is vital in a class such as this. Participation means coming to class prepared, and engaging with the tutor and fellow students about the ideas and concepts covered in that week's homework.
- **There will be a summer reading assignment.**

A typical class will look like...

Each class session will begin with a short comprehension quiz.

The remainder of our class time will be spent in discussion of the literary selection, analysis of themes, note-taking/lecture, and in-class writing assignments and activities.