

Grade 9: World Literature I

2007-2008 Outline

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Extra help is available after school daily in Room 1022.

9thGrade Theme: The exploration of cultural roots.

Essential questions:

- *What is the impact of culture an individual?*
- *What aspects of human experience transcend time and place?*
- *What does literature teach us about society, history, and us?*

Big Ideas:

- With its exploration of conflict and universal themes, world literature facilitates insightful introspection regarding the human condition.
- Multi-cultural awareness and empathy are crucial elements for peaceful global interaction
- Considering alternate perspectives enhances one's own understanding

Focus:

- The Immigrant Experience in the United States
- World Mythologies
- Writing as a Process: pre-writing, drafts, reviews/conferences, revision
- Intensive CAPT preparation: react, reflect, respond, analyze, connect, interpret

Texts:

In addition to the list below, we will be reading/analyzing/writing about a variety of poetry, short stories, music, news and magazine articles, current events from around the world.

- Picture Bride
- Night
- A Midsummer Night's Dream
- Joy Luck Club
- Bless Me Ultima
- To Kill a Mockingbird
- Myths from Greece, Rome, Africa, Native American tribes, Celtic tribes, Japan, China, and the Middle East

Grades: Assessments are made using a variety of projects, essays, tests/quizzes, and homework, each weighed according to its value for the particular unit in question. Typically, major assignments account for 40-50% of a student's grade, with homework (~15%), tests/quizzes (~20%), and in-class assignments (~15%) making up the remainder.