

August 2011 – May 2012
9:30 & 10:30 MS Literature

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Middle School Literature

The focus of this class will be on understanding and completing the literature. Four books will be covered. Students will be reading 4-5 chapters a week and taking notes for class discussion. After each book is finished a short 3 paragraph essay will be required to be turned in by each student. All reading assignments must be completed before class. Grading will be based on class participation, reading assignments, and the essays. Since the books we will be covering in class are classics, any unedited version should be fine, and all of these are available as e-books or kindle. Those marked with ** are the editions we will be using in class. We are recommending 2 of the books as part of *The Whole Story* series because they are the same as the original books in text but with added explanations, pictures and drawings to explain some background information that students may not know.

The following books will be covered this year:

- *Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann David Wyss
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne

Materials needed for class:

- The four books mentioned above
- A 3 ring binder with pockets
- A notebook or loose leaf paper to put in the binder
- A student dictionary and thesaurus

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Course Objectives

- To have students read and comprehend classic literature
- To begin and maintain a study notebook in which notes are taken about important points in the book
- To master a general understanding of vocabulary that is contained in the books

Suggested Editions to Buy

*****Treasure Island*** from the Barnes and Noble Classics Series

ISBN-13: 978-1-59308-247-5

Little Women from the Barnes and Noble Classics Series if you would like the whole, unabridged book

ISBN-13: 978-1-59308-108-9

OR

*****Little Women*** (The Whole Story Series) by Louisa May Alcott and James Prunier (**Paperback** - Nov 1, 1997) **ISBN-13:** 978-0670877065

Remember that *Little Women* was initially published in two parts ("Little Women" and "Good Wives"), which are generally published as the same book, and The Whole Story version which is the first half of the unabridged book. We will only be covering the first part of the two part series, with the option of reading the second half of the book for extra credit over Christmas break.

Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne (Signet Classics)

ISBN-13: 978-0451529770

OR

*****Around the World in 80 Days*** (The Whole Story Series)

ISBN-13: 978-0670867936

*****Swiss Family Robinson***, (Puffin Classics Edition) 2009

ISBN-13: 978-0141325309

** Denotes the edition that we will be doing in class

Syllabus: Middle School Literature 2011-2012

Please note that we are meeting on Fridays. The expectation is that the student will have read and completed assignments prior to coming to class. **There is no assignment for the first week of class**

Week 1 (Class date August 26, 2011)

Mon Get all books needed for class plus a binder with pockets and paper
Tue
Wed
Thu
Fri **Discussion of expectations for class**

Week 2 (Class date September 2, 2011)

Mon Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 1
Tue Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 2
Wed Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 3
Thu Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 4
Fri **Class Discussion**

Week 3 (Class date September 9, 2011)

Mon Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 5
Tue Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 6
Wed Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 7
Thu Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 8
Fri **Class Discussion**

Week 4 (Class date September 16, 2011)

Mon Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 9
Tue Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 10
Wed Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 11
Thu Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 12
Fri **Class Discussion**

September 23rd Fall Break

Week 5 (Class date September 30, 2011)

Mon Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 13
Tue Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 14
Wed Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 15
Thu Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 16
Fri **Class Discussion**

Week 6 (Class date October 7, 2011)

Mon Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 17
Tue Read *Swiss Family Robinson* Chapter 18
Wed Write 3 paragraph essay about book-first draft
Thu Write 3 paragraph essay final draft
Fri **Class Discussion**

Week 7 (Class date October 14, 2011)

Mon Read *Little Women* Chapter 1
Tue Read *Little Women* Chapter 2
Wed Read *Little Women* Chapter 3
Thu Read *Little Women* Chapter 4
Fri **Class Discussion**

Week 8 (Class date October 21, 2011)

Mon Read *Little Women* Chapter 5
Tue Read *Little Women* Chapter 6
Wed Read *Little Women* Chapter 7
Thu Read *Little Women* Chapter 8
Fri **Class Discussion**

Week 9 (Class date October 28, 2011)

Mon Read *Little Women* Chapter 9
Tue Read *Little Women* Chapter 10
Wed Read *Little Women* Chapter 11
Thu Read *Little Women* Chapter 12
Fri **Class Discussion**

Week 10 (Class date November 4, 2011)

Mon Read *Little Women* Chapter 13
Tue Read *Little Women* Chapter 14
Wed Read *Little Women* Chapter 15
Thu Read *Little Women* Chapter 16
Fri **Class Discussion**

Week 11 (Class Date November 11, 2011)

Mon Read *Little Women* Chapter 17
Tue Read *Little Women* Chapter 18
Wed Read *Little Women* Chapter 19
Thu Read *Little Women* Chapter 20
Fri **Class Discussion**

Week 12 (Class Date November 18, 2011)

Mon Read *Little Women* Chapter 21
Tue Read *Little Women* Chapter 22
Wed Read *Little Women* Chapter 23
Thu Write short review-2 or 3 paragraphs about the book
Fri **Turn in review and have class discussion**

For extra credit read the rest of Little Women by January 13

November 25th Thanksgiving Break

Week 13 (Class Date December 2, 2011)

Mon Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 1
Tue Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 2
Wed Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 3
Thu Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 4
Fri **Class Discussion**

Week 14 (Class Date December 9, 2011)

Mon Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 5
Tue Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 6
Wed Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 7
Thu Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 8
Fri **Class Discussion**

Christmas Break

Week 15 (Class Date January 13, 2012)

- Mon** Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 13
- Tue** Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 14
- Wed** Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 15
- Thu** **Write a plot diagram of chapters 13-15**
- Fri** **Class Discussion**

Week 16 (Class Date January 20, 2012)

- Mon** Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 16-17
- Tue** Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 18-19
- Wed** Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 20-21
- Thu** **Write a plot diagram of chapters 16-21 (Part 4 The Stockade)**
- Fri** **Class Discussion**

Week 17 (Class Date January 27, 2012)

- Mon** Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 22-23
- Tue** Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 24-25
- Wed** Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 26-27
- Thu** **Write a plot diagram of chapters 22-27 (Part 5 My Sea Adventure)**
- Fri** **Class Discussion**

Week 18 (Class Date February 3, 2012)

- Mon** Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 28-29
- Tue** Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 30-31
- Wed** Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 32-33
- Thu** Read *Treasure Island* Chapter 34
- Fri** **Class Discussion**

Week 19 (Class Date February 10, 2012)

- Mon** Read *Influences of Stevenson*-handed out in class
- Tue** Watch *Treasure Island* Movie
- Wed** **Write rough draft of Treasure Island Book Report**
- Thu** **Write final draft of Treasure Island Book Report**
- Fri** **Class Discussion**

February 17th Teen Pact Break

Week 20 (Class Date February 24, 2012)

- Mon** Read *Charge of the Light Brigade* – handed out in class or emailed
- Tue** Read *Child's Garden of Verses* – handed out in class or emailed
- Wed** Read *Child's Garden of Verses*
- Thu** Read *Child's Garden of Verses*
- Fri** **Class Discussion**

Week 21 (Class Date March 2, 2012)

- Mon** Read *Walt Whitman Excerpt* – handed out in class
- Tue** Read *Edgar Allen Poe Excerpt* – handed out in class
- Wed** Read *Shakespeare excerpt* – handed out in class
- Thu**
- Fri** **Class Discussion**

Week 22 (Class Date March 9, 2012)

Mon Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 1
Tue Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 2
Wed Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 3
Thu Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 4
Fri **Class Discussion**

Week 23 (Class Date March 16, 2012)

Mon Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 5
Tue Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 6
Wed Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 7
Thu Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 8
Fri **Class Discussion**

Week 24 (Class Date March 23, 2012)

Mon Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 9
Tue Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 10
Wed Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 11
Thu Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 12
Fri **Class Discussion**

Week 25 (Class Date March 30, 2012)

Mon Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 13
Tue Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 14
Wed Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 15
Thu Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 16
Fri **Class Discussion**

April 6th Easter Break

Week 26 (Class Date April 13, 2012)

Mon Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 17 and 18
Tue Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 19
Wed Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 20
Thu Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 21
Fri **Class Discussion**

Week 27 (Class Date April 20, 2012)

Mon Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 22 and 23
Tue Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 24
Wed Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 25
Thu Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 26
Fri **Class Discussion**

Week 28 (Class Date April 27, 2012)

Mon Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 27
Tue Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 28
Wed Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 29
Thu Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 30
Fri **Class Discussion** May 4th GHEA Break

Week 29 (Class Date May 11, 2012)

- Mon** Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 31
- Tue** Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 32
- Wed** Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 33
- Thu** Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 34
- Fri** **Class Discussion**

Week 30 (Class Date May 18, 2012)

- Mon** Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 35
- Tue** Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 36
- Wed** Read *Around the World in 80 Days* Chapter 37
- Thu** Write 3 paragraph essay
- Fri** **Class Discussion and turn in essay**

Friday May 18, 2012 Last Day of Class, End of Session