

American Literature

Grades – see course description

Course Description:

This course is an introduction of American Literature. It is the hope of the instructor that the course is a stimulating and challenging experience that will equip the student to further pursue reading and writing. This course is for students who are capable of doing 11th grade level work in English and who are willing to devote the energy and time to complete the work required. (If your student is in 9th or 10th grade, you must submit a writing sample to the instructor. You may submit a writing sample for 11th or 12th grade students if you are unsure of their ability for this course. Enrollment will then be contingent upon the instructor's agreement.) The students will be taught to approach literature in its various forms and be able to interpret it on multiple levels. Students will have the opportunity to get to know a few works intimately, as well as the authors who crafted them including Mark Twain, John Steinbeck, Willa Cather and Nathaniel Hawthorne. The course will begin with the pre-Colonial times and work its way to the present.

This course will require reading, analyzing, discussing and writing about novels, short stories, poetry and plays. These literary genres will be approached through class discussion, lecture, note taking, quizzes, essays, tests and one research paper.

Cost per semester: \$120.

Materials fee: \$30

Min. number of students: 8

Maximum number of students: 18

Text: Info regarding the purchasing of books will be mailed with your confirmed registration. Students may need identical copies of these books for discussion purposes.

Instructor: Mrs. Kristin Harvey

Mrs. Harvey grew up in Lemoore, CA, where she attended a small Christian school from K-12. She attended the Master's College from 1995-1999 and earned her degree in Communications with an emphasis in print media. After graduation, she worked in the newspaper industry as an editorial assistant and a reporter. She became disillusioned with the newspaper industry and her father, a teacher, urged her to move home and explore teaching opportunities. Mrs. Harvey has worked as a substitute teacher in the public schools and as an aid for students with learning disabilities. Eventually, Mrs. Harvey returned to Southern California to teach high school English at Hillcrest Christian School. Since that time she has married and now has a young son.

The Harvey family currently attends Placerita Baptist church where Mrs. Harvey is involved in choir and women's Bible studies.

This is a two semester course and is worth 10 units. A grade will be given at the end of each semester.

American Literature– Registration Form

The cost of this course involves a **Course Fee**, **Materials Fee**, and **Co-op Fees**.

Checks for all three must be submitted with your registration (reg) form.

Though most people make full payment at time of registration, APS allows installment payment checks. You may pay in full, in 2 installments or in 4 installments.

ALL installment payment checks MUST BE INCLUDED with your registration form.

1. Payment of Course Fee: MAKE PAYABLE TO KRISTIN HARVEY

- 1 ck. in the amt of \$240 due @ time of reg. **or**
- 2 cks in the amt of \$120 due @ time of reg.
Make one dated reg-date and the other dated 11/1/06 **or**
- 4 cks. in the amt of \$ 60 due @ time of reg.
Make one dated reg-date and the others dated 8/1/06, 11/01/06, 02/01/07

2. Payment of Materials Fees for the year: MAKE PAYABLE TO KRISTIN HARVEY

- 1 ck. in the amt of \$60 due @ time of reg. **or**
- 2 cks. in the amt of \$30 due @ time of reg.
Make one dated reg-date and the other dated 11/1/06

3. Payment of Co-op Fees for the year: MAKE PAYABLE TO “CASH”

- 1 ck. in the amt of \$16 due @ time of reg. **or**
- 2 cks. in the amt of \$ 8 due @ time of reg.
Make one dated reg-date and the other dated 11/1/06

Parent's Names

Phone No.

e-mail _____ @ _____ . _____

Student Name

Grade

Initial registration closes June 23.

Questions by e-mail: Melody @ zmelody@pacbell.net

Mail this registration form with **ALL payment checks** mentioned above **and SASE** to:

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