

Course Name: Native American Literature

Duration: 1 Semester Full Year

Grade Level: 9th 10th 11th 12th (check all that apply)

Are there any prerequisites for the course?

No

WHAT this course is about:

An exploration of indigenous American literature, culture, and history through works written both about and by Native Americans.

WHY take this course:

This class is a GREAT option if you're interested in learning about other cultures within America's borders, or if you would just like to experience an English class that focuses a whole year around a specific cultural perspective. Native American Literature also pairs extremely well with the US History Perspectives class offered during your junior year.

WHAT you'll learn:

- A variety of stories and writings from indigenous authors
- American History from the perspective of America's First Peoples
- How prevalent and relevant indigenous culture is in all of our lives today
- A deeper understanding of how people live between two cultures
- Additionally, you'll strengthen all the English skills you've been building up over the years, including:
 - how to critically and closely read
 - how to express yourself clearly through your writing
 - how to support your arguments with specific and relevant evidence.

WHAT you'll do:

We'll read and discuss a variety of texts including plays, poems, novels, short stories, and essays from both native and non-native authors. We'll explore how indigenous people have been portrayed in literature written by European and white American authors as well as how native authors represent themselves. You will create a variety of:

- essays
- written reflections
- artistic analyses

Additionally, you'll begin the year writing a college narrative essay.

WHERE this could take you:

Initially, this course will help you get into college since you'll be working on writing a quality college narrative essay. Long-term this course would be a great introduction to any major that includes cultural studies and communication.

OPTIONAL Course Outline (“scope and sequence”, sequence chart, etc.)

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