

EST4U – English Literature Studies Grade 12

Medium Term Plan

Overall Curriculum Expectations

- 1. Understanding Texts:** read and demonstrate an understanding of a variety of literary texts from different countries, cultures, and historical periods;
- 2. Analysing Texts:** respond to and analyse literary texts to develop and extend their understanding of how content, form, and style in combination communicate meaning and enhance a text's effectiveness; -Eg.” How does the omniscient narrator in The Blue Flower affect the effectiveness of the story-telling ?”
- 3. Critical Literacy:** demonstrate an understanding that the perspective of the author, the reader, and the text all influence the reading experience;
-e.g How does your own background and circumstances affect the way you respond to The Body ?
- 4. Literary Criticism:** use literary criticism to enhance their understanding of literature;
Eg. How does historical-biographical theory help you understand Frankenstein ?
- 5. The Role of Literature in Society:** assess the importance of literature as a social and cultural force. e.g What important concerns about science does Cats Cradle raise?

Resources

Our chosen texts : (flexible)
The Blue Flower by Penelope Fitzgerald (applying all literary theories)
The Body by Stephen King (archetypal theory)
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley (historical biographical)
The Cats Cradle by Kurt Vonnegut (Postmodernism)

Specific Expectations to be taught

Objectives	Text/Resource	Assessment	Type (As, For , Of)	Date/Notes / Accomodations
1. Introduce the idea that there are competing definitions on Literature	<i>The Blue Flower by Peneople Fitzgerald</i>	Essay : What is Literature ?	For	
2. Gain an overview of the theories of literary criticism that can be applied to course texts.	“”	Essay : The theories of literary criticism (New Reader, Archetypal, Historical-Biographical, and Postmodernist)	For	
3. demonstrate an understanding that the perspective of the author, the reader, and the text all influence the reading experience;	“”	New Reading Theory – Personal Response Essay	As	
4. respond to and analyse literary texts to develop and extend their understanding of how content, form, and style in combination communicate meaning and enhance a text’s effectiveness;	As Above	Rough draft : The effectiveness Narrative Structures and Techniques	For	
5. Relate the novel to todays society (assess the importance of literature as a social and cultural force)	Enlightenment values	Oral discussion based on notes : The novel examines the clash between tradition and Englighntenment values, Q- Are you a child of the Enlightenment ?	Of	February 25th
use literary criticism to	<i>The Body by Stephen</i>	Oral discussion :	For	Feb 26th

enhance their understanding of literature;	<i>King</i>	In what texts have you identified Archetypal structure ?		
use literary criticism to enhance their understanding of literature;	“”	Essay : In what ways does the Heroes Quest model help a reader appreciate and understand ' The Body' ?	For	
demonstrate an understanding that the perspective of the author, the reader, and the text all influence the reading experience	::	Discussion : What have you personally gained from reading The Body ?	As	
respond to and analyse literary texts to develop and extend their understanding of how content, form, and style in combination communicate meaning and enhance a text’s effectiveness;	As Above	Essay : How does King explore the themes of death and the power of nature and its cycles in The Body ?	Of	
“assess the importance of literature as a social and cultural force “ How can literature explore ideas such as evil ?	<i>Frankenstein by Mary Shelley</i>	Discussion : Do the monster’s eloquence and persuasiveness make it easier for the reader to sympathize with him? Why do you think most film versions of the story present the monster as mute or inarticulate?	For	
respond to and analyse literary texts to develop and extend their understanding of how content, form, and style in combination communicate meaning and enhance a text’s effectiveness;	“”	Rough draft : Victor attributes his tragic fate to his relentless search for knowledge. Do you think that this is the true cause of his suffering? In what ways does the novel present knowledge as dangerous and destructive?	As	
: use literary criticism to enhance their understanding of literature; Eg. How does	As Above	Essay : How far does 'Frankenstein' reflect the romantic ideals and the concerns of its day ?	Of	

historical-biographical theory help you understand Frankenstein ?				
use literary criticism to enhance their understanding of literature;	<i>Cats Cradle by Kurt Vonnegut</i>	Discussion : In what ways is Cats Cradle postmodernist, and in what ways is it traditionally written ?	For	
: assess the importance of literature as a social and cultural force	“”	Draft : Is Bokonism any different from nihilism ?	As	
: use literary criticism to enhance their understanding of literature;	As Above	Essay : Some have said that Cats Cradle shows Vonnegut 'yielding to the philosophy of despair'	Of	
		Student Reflection Essay : Have I changed my opinion on what literary theories are most valid for me ?	As	
		Review Discussions	For	
		Summative Essay 15 %	Of	June 15th
		Exam 15%	Of	June 16 th