

ELAN 3110 - CHILDREN'S LITERATURE & ORAL LANGUAGE

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MON 10:10-1:10
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GOALS

- wide reading among genres of literature for children in grades PK-5
- explore ways of responding to literature
- explore oral language - dialect, ELL/ESL, and strategies (discussion and informal drama) for developing oral language for all students

PROFESSIONAL TEXTS

- *Essentials of Children's Literature* (Tomlinson & Lynch-Brown)
- other readings will be available online or as handouts

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

You will want to borrow children's books from libraries (the **CMC** in Aderhold & public libraries) for some sessions. You'll sign-up to read specific books for other sessions. While you may borrow these books from libraries, it is advised that you buy them. I recommend that you buy from reputable online bookstores.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Academic honesty is expected at all times. If you have questions, it is your responsibility to seek clarification. Please ask me and/or refer to UGA policies about honesty.

PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDE & CONDUCT

- attend class in order to help socially construct understandings
- be sure your cell phone doesn't ring during class
- be prompt - don't keep the class waiting at the start or after break
- be prepared - read in advance, bring books with you, bring hard copies of the work you post
- actively engage in class discussions & activities
- listen when others speak (avoid side talk when I & others are speaking)
- respect others' thoughts, ideas, opinions & differences
- understand that it's intellectually healthy to disagree with others' thoughts, ideas, & opinions

- be open to new ideas

REQUIREMENTS, ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING

You can earn up to 100 points toward your final grade in this course.

A = 96-100	B+ = 88-89	C+ = 78-79
A- = 90-95	B = 84-87	C = 74-77
	B- = 80-83	C- = 70-73

You will be given a *Grading Summary Sheet* to keep track of your work in the course. Turn this in during our last class. No final grade will be given without this sheet.

1) Attendance & Participation

Attendance is expected. Much of the learning in this course is socially constructed. You will learn from others and contribute to the learning of others.

5 points will be deducted from your final grade for each absence. Excuses will be dealt with on an individual basis. Make excuses through WebCT e-mail.

I reserve the right to lower your final grade by as much as 10 points (1 letter grade) for poor participation. Lack of talk in class is one sign of poor participation. You are expected to contribute to small group discussions in every class and to whole group discussions in some classes. Lack of materials in class is another sign of poor participation. You are expected to have your books and hard copies of your responses with you in all classes.

2) Read & Respond to Children's Books (60 points)

We have 14 class sessions for which you need to read and respond to books. You'll receive 4 points for each satisfactory response posted **before** the start of class. You may receive 2 points for work posted before the start of the next class. Work posted after that will receive no credit. (14 x 4 = 56 + 4 base points = 60 points)

Bring your books and hard copies of your responses to class. You'll need both to participate.

3) Textbook Quizzes (40 points)

You will take two quizzes (10 multiple choice questions per quiz, 2 points per question). The multiple choice questions will be taken directly from the textbook. Questions will be about the field of children's literature and **not** about individual children's books.

The first quiz (20 points) will have questions from CH 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 & Appendices.

The second quiz (20 points) will have questions from CH 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12.