

ELAN 4045/8045 – HISTORICAL FICTION & BIOGRAPHY – SPRING 2006
WED – 4:40-7:30

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Goals

- read historical fiction, biography (and nonfiction) for students in grades 4-8
- explore ways of reading and teaching language arts and social studies through children's literature

Texts

- *The Story of Ourselves: Teaching History Through Children's Literature* by Richard Ammon & Michael O. Tunnell
- chapters & articles will be provided in class

Children's Books

You will need to borrow books from libraries or buy them.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is expected at all times. If you have questions, please ask me or consult UGA policies online. It is your responsibility to seek answers to your questions. Ignorance is not an excuse.

REQUIREMENTS & GRADING

Final grades will be based on earning up to 100 points. A = 92-100 points, B = 80-91 points, C = 70-79 points.

Attendance & Participation

Attendance is expected. If you don't attend, you can't learn from others or contribute to the learning of others. Your final grade will be lowered by 5 points for each unexcused absence.

Participation is expected. It is expected that you will contribute to whole class and small group discussions. In order to participate you need to be in class, have your books with you, have hard copies of your work with you, and speak during class. I reserve the right to lower your final grade for lack of participation.

Read & Respond to Children's Books (40 points)

For 13 sessions you will read and respond to children's books. Satisfactory responses posted before the start of class will earn 3 points. Responses posted after class may receive 1 point. (3 X 13 = 39 + 1 base point = 40 points)

1. Colonial Era
2. Revolutionary War Era
3. Civil War Era
4. Westward Movement
5. Late 1800's – Early 1900's

6. The Great Depression
7. World War II
8. Post WWII
9. Civil Rights & Vietnam War Era
10. Immigrants
11. Author Study – Karen Hesse
12. Author Study – Jim Murphy
13. Your Choice

Read & React to Textbook (30 points)

On a 5 X 8 index card write a few comments or questions about chapters 1-13 in the textbook. You may earn 2 points for each card brought to class. Late cards will not be accepted. (2 X 13 = 26 + 4 base points = 30 points)

Annotated Bibliography (10 points)

Prepare an annotated bibliography of at least 5 books on a topic of your choice. You should read each book on your list.

Georgia Children's Literature Conference (20 points)

Mark your calendars **now** in order to attend the *Georgia Children's Literature Conference* on Friday, April 21 & Saturday, April 22. Go to www.coe.uga.edu/gcba for info.

You may earn up to 20 points for attending and responding to conference events.

1. general session – *Linda Bailey & Bill Slavin* (3 points)
2. general session – *Karen Hesse* (3 points)
3. general session – *Jacqueline Woodson* (3 points)
4. general session – *Jim Murphy* (3 points)
5. general session – *Emily McCully* (3 points)
6. concurrent session – you'll have lots of choices (3 points)
7. autographing – have at least 1 book autographed & bring it to our last class (2 points)