

English 3890: Studies in Children's Literature
Lecture/3 Credits (3-0-)

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Prerequisite: English 1010 or English 1000 or equivalent (*not to be taken by students with credit in English 3980*)

Course Description:

This course will involve a representative sampling of classics of children's literature in English within historical and contemporary contexts. Its focus will be a critical assessment of how prevailing and changing ideas about children and childhood are engaged, adapted, or challenged by various authors who write for children.

Texts:

(to be supplemented by critical articles and suggestions for further reading by your instructor)

Allan. *Why Me?*
Badoe. *Crabs for Dinner*
Brown. *Goodnight Moon*
Griffiths and Frey, eds. *Classics of Children's Literature* (5th Ed)
Henkes. *Julius: The Baby of the World*
Hutchins. *Rosie's Walk*
Keeshig-Tobias. *Bird Talk*
Lindgren. *Pippi Longstocking*
Munsch. *The Paper Bag Princess*
Philip. *Harriet's Daughter*
Rowling. *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*
Seuss. *On Beyond Zebra!*

Evaluation:

Weekly reading responses	10%
Class presentation	20%
Journal	30%
Final exam	30%
Class participation	10% (this includes contributions to class discussions, improvement, attendance, participation in small group work, as well as participation in large class discussions)

Schedule:

Please have all reading for each week done by the beginning of each week, unless you are otherwise instructed in class. Always bring the book(s) on the schedule to class. Texts will be supplemented by critical articles and suggestions for further reading.

<u>Week one:</u>	Introduction History of Children's Literature
<u>Week two:</u>	Fairy Tales <i>Paper Bag Princess</i>
<u>Week three:</u>	<i>Little Women</i> (selections)
<u>Week four:</u>	<i>Alice in Wonderland</i> (selections)
<u>Week five:</u>	<i>The Secret Garden</i> (selections)
<u>Week six:</u>	<i>Wizard of Oz</i> (selections)
<u>Week seven:</u>	<i>Peter Pan</i> (selections)
<u>Week eight:</u>	<i>Peter Rabbit</i> <i>Goodnight Moon</i> <i>On Beyond Zebra!</i>
<u>Week nine:</u>	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i> (selections)
<u>Week ten:</u>	<i>Pippi Longstocking</i>
<u>Week eleven:</u>	<i>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone</i>
<u>Week twelve:</u>	<i>Rosie's Walk</i> <i>Julius: The Baby of the World</i>
<u>Week thirteen:</u>	<i>Crabs for Dinner</i> <i>Bird Talk</i>
<u>Week fourteen:</u>	<i>Harriet's Daughter</i>