

## World Literature (10<sup>th</sup> grade)

This course covers 3 main areas of language ability:

- Grammar. The grammar units focus on the writing process by correcting major errors, on using proper punctuation, and ordering a sentence, paragraph, and essay correctly.
- Vocabulary. Vocabulary lists and quizzes will occur approximately every other week. They include spelling, vocabulary, and proper word usage.
- Literature. The reading covers many of the ancient examples of great literature from the western world, beginning with *The Epic of Gilgamesh* and the ancient Greeks. The students will analyze several longer works in depth, and will develop verbal communication skills with an oral report on Greek and Roman mythology.

All high school students are required to do quarterly book reports on a book chosen from my book list. The book report requires plot synopsis, analysis of the theme, moral tone, and interest. The purpose of these reports is to teach students to become discerning readers of all literature, secular or otherwise.

### UNITS:

1. Grammar 1: Nouns and Pronouns
  - a. Subject-verb agreement
  - b. Gerunds and infinitives
  - c. Noun clauses
  - d. Pronoun-antecedent agreement
  - e. Pronoun reference
  - f. Pronoun case
2. Literature 1: The Greeks
  - a. \**The Epic of Gilgamesh*
  - b. *The Iliad*
  - c. *The Odyssey*
  - d. Aesop
  - e. The philosophers: Socrates, Plato, Aristotle
  - f. Alexander the Great
3. Grammar 2: Punctuation
  - a. Commas
  - b. Semicolons/colons
  - c. Italics
  - d. Hyphens
  - e. Quotation marks
  - f. Dashes
  - g. Parentheses
4. Literature 2: Sophocles
  - a. *Oedipus Rex*
  - b. *Antigone*
5. Grammar 3: Writing
  - a. Sentence shifts
  - b. Parallelism
  - c. Conciseness
  - d. Subordination
  - e. Active/passive voice
  - f. Pronoun reference
  - g. Outline
  - h. Paragraph
6. Literature 3: Romans, Italians
  - a. Ovid
  - b. Plutarch
  - c. Vergil
  - d. Persecution of Nero
  - e. Dante
  - f. Boccaccio
7. Literature 4: *Julius Caesar*
8. Literature 5: The Renaissance
  - a. Miguel de Cervantes
  - b. John Milton
  - c. Descartes
  - d. John Bunyan
  - e. Moliere
9. Literature 6: *Silas Marner*
10. Literature 7: 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century
  - a. Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm
  - b. Wolfgang von Goethe
  - c. Herman Melville
  - d. Jean Jacques Rousseau
  - e. Fyodor Dostoevsky

### TEXTS:

1. *Grammar and Composition IV* (A Beka)
2. *Masterpieces from World Literature* (A Beka)
3. *The Complete Works of Sophocles* (Bantam)