

MODERN LITERATURE 1

Course Description

Students will read two different novels for this course. The first three weeks focuses on *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien (TTTC). The second three weeks focuses on *Big Mouth and Ugly Girl* by Joyce Carol Oates (BMUG). Students will identify literary devices, such as imagery, and strengthen reading comprehension skills by identifying types of conflicts that drive the plot, such as internal and external conflicts. Students will analyze the texts and apply their understanding by answering critical thinking questions. In addition, students will complete one individual written project on each book. This course will culminate with a Final Exam.

Prerequisite

None

Credit Requirement Area

English

Learning Objectives

- Students will analyze works of modern literature.
- Students will complete performance-based activities in the form of role-playing and/or character analysis.
- Students will identify literary devices.
- Students will identify types of conflict.

Suggested Weekly Schedule

Week	Graded Activities	Suggested Due Date	% Points
1	Assignment 1: TTTC Pre-Read	Monday of Week 1	24%
	Assignment 2: TTTC Chapter 1	Wednesday of Week 1	38%
	Assignment 3: TTTC Chapters 2-4	Friday of Week 1	38%
Week 1 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
2	Assignment 1: TTTC Pre-Read	Monday of Week 2	30%
	Assignment 2: TTTC Chapters 5-8	Wednesday of Week 2	50%
	Assignment 3: TTTC Chapter 9	Friday of Week 2	20%
Week 2 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
3	Assignment 1: TTTC Chapters 12-16	Monday of Week 3	14%
	Assignment 2: TTTC Chapters 17-22	Wednesday of Week 3	17%
	Project: TTTC Letter	Friday of Week 3	69%
Week 3 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%

Week	Graded Activities	Suggested Due Date	% Points
4	Assignment 1: BMUG Pre-Read	Monday of Week 4	28%
	Assignment 2: BMUG Chapters 1-3	Wednesday of Week 4	36%
	Assignment 3: BMUG Chapters 4-8	Friday of Week 4	36%
Week 4 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
5	Assignment 1: BMUG Chapters 9-17	Monday of Week 5	10%
	Assignment 2: BMUG Chapters 18-30	Wednesday of Week 5	45%
	Assignment 3: BMUG Chapters 31-38	Friday of Week 5	45%
Week 5 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
6	Assignment 1: BMUG Chapters 39-49	Monday of Week 6	13%
	Project: BMUG Character Charts	Wednesday of Week 6	62%
	Final Assessment	Friday of Week 6	25%
Week 6 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			17%
WEIGHTED TOTAL			100%