

MODERN LITERATURE 2

Course Description

Students will read two different novels for this course. The first three weeks focuses on *The Samurai Shortstop* by Alan Gratz (SS). The second three weeks focuses on *Life As We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer (LAWKI). Students will identify literary devices, such as foreshadowing, similes, and metaphors, and strengthen reading comprehension skills by making in depth text connections and predictions. 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 use the readings to make predictions and text connections.

Suggested Weekly Schedule

Week	Graded Activities	Suggested Due Date	% Points
1	Assignment 1: SS Chapters 1-4	Monday of Week 1	44%
	Assignment 2: SS Chapters 5-10	Thursday of Week 1	56%
Week 1 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
2	Assignment 1: SS Chapters 11-16	Monday of Week 2	50%
	Assignment 2: SS Chapters 17-23	Thursday of Week 2	50%
Week 2 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
3	Assignment 1: SS Chapters 24-31	Monday of Week 3	11%
	Assignment 2: SS Chapters 32-38	Wednesday of Week 3	18%
	Project: SS Newspaper	Friday of Week 3	71%
Week 3 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
4	Assignment 1: LAWKI Chapters 1-2	Monday of Week 4	36%
	Assignment 2: LAWKI Chapter 3 Pre-Read	Wednesday of Week 4	28%
	Assignment 3: LAWKI Chapters 3-5	Friday of Week 4	36%

Week	Graded Activities	Suggested Due Date	% Points
Week 4 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
5	Assignment 1: LAWKI Chapters 6-7	Monday of Week 5	10%
	Assignment 2: LAWKI Chapters 8-11	Wednesday of Week 5	50%
	Assignment 3: LAWKI Chapters 12-16	Friday of Week 5	40%
Week 5 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
6	Assignment 1: LAWKI Chapters 17-21	Monday of Week 6	10%
	Project: LAWKI Journal, Essay, or Multimedia	Wednesday of Week 6	67%
	Final Assessment	Friday of Week 6	23%
Week 6 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			17%
WEIGHTED TOTAL			100%