



EN 240 *Children's Literature* (3) Winter 2003

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Required Texts

<i>The Hobbit</i>	Tolkien, J.R.R.	Harper Collins
<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	White, E.B.	HarperTrophy
<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	L'Engle, Madeleine	Bantam/Doubleday
<i>The Paper Bag Princess</i>	Munch, Robert	Annick Press
<i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i>	Lewis, C.S.	HarperTrophy

Note: the instructor will supplement the text with a group of readings selected for the course.

Course Description

English 240 offers an introduction to the major genres of children's literature: folktales, hero tales, myths, literary folktales, fantastic and realistic prose fiction, to name the key forms. The course aims at providing the student with a critical method of reading and interpreting children's literature. In addition, to aid in our consideration of the major themes and issues at work in children's literature we will examine historical and current concepts of the child and childhood.

Course Schedule

January	15	Introduction
	17	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>
	22	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>
	24	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>
	29	Folktales

	31	Literary Folktales
February	5	<i>Charlotte's Web</i> (Reading quiz)
	7	<i>Charlotte's Web</i>
	12	<i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i> (Essay #1 due)
	14	<i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i>
	19	Mid-term break
	21	Mid-term break
	26	Mid term exam
	28	<i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i>
March	5	<i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i>
	7	<i>The Paper Bag Princess</i>
	12	Hero Tales
	14	<i>The Hobbit</i>
	19	<i>The Hobbit</i>
	21	<i>The Hobbit</i>
	26	<i>The Hobbit</i> (Reading quiz)
	28	Hero Tales
April	2	Modern Stories
	4	Modern Stories (Essay #2 due)
	9	Myths
	11	Review

Course Requirements

Reading quizzes	10% (two at 5% each)
Essay 1	10%
Essay 2	20%
Midterm exam	20%
Participation	10%
Final exam	<u>30%</u>
	100

All assignments are due on the date given. Late assignments will not be accepted. Exams can be rescheduled only if students provide a letter explaining the reason for their absence.

I expect all readings to be done before class, and I look forward to lively discussion during class. The mark given for participation is based on evidence of thoughtful interaction with the assigned texts.

The academic policies in the Nazarene University College 2002 - 2003 catalogue apply to this course. Please review pages 36 to 43 in the catalogue for clarification on all matters of grading, attendance, academic dishonesty and so on.