

LIBS 2280 -Literature for Children
Eastern Wyoming College
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Prerequisite: English 1010 with a grade of "C" or better

Course Description: Wide reading and discussion of the literature for children is emphasized in this course. Books that have won recognition as distinguished contributions to American and multicultural literature for children are examined. The selection of books for school, home, and public library is considered. In addition to becoming acquainted with a wide sampling of children's literature, students also establish criteria for evaluation and classroom use.

Rationale: This class is required for most elementary education majors. It is also accepted at the University of Wyoming as a "Cultural Context" course in Humanities.

Required Text: *Essentials of Children's Literature*

By Carol Lynch-Brown, Carl M. Tomlinson, and Kathy G. Short

In addition, students will be required a number of titles of their own choosing,

Course Objectives:

Upon completing this course, students should:

1. Be familiar with a wide range of children's books, of different genres, for different age groups, and of various styles.
2. Be able to evaluate children's books for appropriateness, quality and usability in a classroom, library or home.

3. Be able to select and share quality literature with children in a classroom setting.
4. Have an awareness of trends and issues in contemporary children's literature.
5. Widen their knowledge about media and artistic styles used to illustrate children's books.
6. Have an understanding of child development and how this affects choosing books for children.

Course Work: Students will be expected to read the text book in its entirety. Submissions from the students include 21 book summaries, weekly Message Board responses, Exams and a Project. These activities are explained in the "Getting Started" page of the web site.

Grading Criteria: Grades will be determined on the basis of total points possible.

Grading Scale:

A.....	93-100%
B.....	85-92%
C.....	75-84%
D.....	65-74%
F.....	64% and below

Book Summaries (21)	10 points possible	210 total
Weekly Posts	5 points possible	65 total
Project	30 points possible	30 total
		305 total

Assignments received late will not earn all possible points. Assignments received more than one week late will receive no credit. Students may contact the instructor in extenuating circumstances.

Academic Dishonesty Policy: Academic dishonesty is not tolerated. This includes plagiarism, cheating and any conscious act by a student that gives him or her undue advantage over fellow students. Plagiarism is copying or using ideas of another person/reference without giving proper credit. Cheating involves making unauthorized use of answers to exams, quizzes,

assignments, or homework done by someone else. It also includes copying or submitting work that has been done by someone else.

Academic dishonesty of any kind shall result in a score of zero on the assignment or test. It could also result in withdrawal from the course with a grade of F, or as the instructor deems appropriate.

Americans with Disabilities Act: Eastern Wyoming College is committed to providing accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. If a student has a disability and desires a reasonable accommodation for the disability, please notify your instructor, Mrs. Debra Ochsner (307-532-8238) or Mr. Stuart Nelson (307-532-8330) as soon as possible so that the arrangements may be made.

General Education Requirements:

- **Communication Skills:** Graduates will be able to understand and communicate ideas and information in written and spoken English that reveals a mastery of terminology appropriate to their discipline.
- **Analytical and Quantitative Reasoning:** Graduates will be able to solve problems through critical thinking involving analytical and quantitative reasoning at a level appropriate to their discipline.
- **Technology Skills:** Graduates will be able to demonstrate an awareness of the relationship between the individual and the world.
- **Information Literacy:** Graduates will be able to locate, evaluate, and use information wisely.

Disclaimer Statement: The instructor reserves the right, acting with the policies and procedures of Eastern Wyoming College, to make changes in the course schedule or activities. Students will be notified appropriately.