

Green Valley Christian Home School  
**HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION**

<i>Students Name:</i>		<i>Grade:</i>	
<i>Credits:</i>	10	<i>Semester</i> _____ <i>Full Year</i> _____ <u>X</u>	
<i>Start Date:</i>	9/2/2009	<i>End Date:</i>	5/26/2010
<i>Course Title:</i>	Literary Analysis		

*Course Description*

This course will teach the student how to read, infer, analyze, and write about literature. Additionally, it will teach the student to recognize an author's worldview and exercise discernment when reading. The student will review basic paragraph and essay formats as they write about literature. Course topics include analytical techniques; reading with understanding by analyzing the plot, examining the types of conflict and analyzing themes – finding truth through the power of the story. Literary devices, or tools of the writer, will be taught as well. Poetry by Chaucer, Watts, and Newton will be analyzed, memorized, and recited. The Bible will be used to teach forms of imager; similes, personification, metaphors, and symbolism. We will cover four English writers; Shakespeare, Dickens, Stevenson, and Orwell. The student will study one to three pieces of literature from each author. Shakespeare will be read out loud in class, as it is meant to be. Some pieces will be analyzed by watching a well produced video in place of reading the book. This by no means minimizes the Importance of reading great literature, but allows the student to analyze all the elements of fiction as he watches a video. This will also teach the student to view a movie with a critical eye rather than just "consuming" it without reasoning. Books to be studied: *Comedy of Errors and The Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare; *A Christmas Carol, Nicholas Nickleby,* and *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens; *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson; *Animal Farm* by George Orwell.

*Curriculum*

Comedy of Errors by Shakespeare

The Merchant of Venice by Shakespeare

Tales from Shakespeare by Charles and Mary Lamb

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson

Animal Farm by George Orwell

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