

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number: ENGL 305 Department: English

Course Title: Children's Literature Semester: Spring Year: 1999

Objectives/Competencies

Course Objective	Competencies
1. A recognition of quality literature for children and an understanding of the significant role of literature in the intellectual growth of children.	1. Read stories, novels and poetry written for children and young adults.
2. Insight into the historical and social background of children's literature.	1. Identify historical and social forces that have changed children's literature (e.g., nursery rhymes originated as political satire.).
3. An appreciation of the art of picture storybooks - the features of a well-composed story and the various techniques of illustration.	1. Read picture storybooks and analyze the illustrations.
4. A survey of traditional literature in its many forms, gaining an awareness of predominant themes (e.g., creation myths exist in many cultures).	1. Read traditional literature, including myths and folktales.
5. The understanding of the plot, characters, theme, setting and style of young adult novels.	1. Read and discuss young adult novels.

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<p>6. The dramatic reading/recitation of poetry and the imaginative presentation of a poem.</p> <p>7. A scholarly examination of controversial issues and a report to the class that includes the results of research and a display of children's books that exemplify both sides of an issue.</p>	<p>1. Select children's poetry and present it to the class, using puppets, music or artwork.</p> <p>1. Research and give oral reports on issues such as multiculturalism and gender bias.</p>