



Curriculum Catalog

Christian Literature

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Christian Literature Course Overview

Christian Literature provides an opportunity for students to apply what they have learned in Bible and English courses and evaluate pieces of literature and Scripture. Students will read and write to focus on core traits of a Christian, how others exhibit and work toward those traits through reading of the Bible, nonfiction texts, and literary texts. Target areas include literature with biblical parallels, the attributes of God, and Christian growth. Christian Literature is an elective course that uses classic and contemporary fiction and non-fiction literature written by disciples of Christ with the intent of reading for entertainment and information. The course focuses on essential questions of the human condition, heart, one's call as a disciple of Christ, and how literature can shape perspective and understanding of God, ourselves, and others.

In this course, students will examine:

- The Power of Purpose
- The Power of Prayer
- The Power of Perseverance
- The Power of Peril
- The Power of People

Course Objectives

- Assess and evaluate personal thinking based upon the Word of God.
- Identify tenets related to faith, emotions, and truths as elements on which Christians base their beliefs.
- Recognize and appreciate the importance of the reliability of Scripture for the faith of a Christian.
- Read, interpret, and evaluate literature and informational texts with world issues and reflect on those issues through the context of one's role as a Christian.
- Develop the ability to evaluate truth claims through a Christian worldview lens.
- Establish a firm foundation for life-long learning.

Unit 1: The Power of Purpose	
Christian Literature	Assignments
	1. The Disciple's Purpose
	2. The Disciple's Calling
	3. Seeking Peace
	4. Seeking Prayerfulness
	5. Seeking Obedience
	6. Power in the Ordinary: Elijah
	7. Power in the Ordinary: Esther
Unit 2: The Power of Prayer	
Christian Literature	Assignments
	1. Reading Jeremiah 1
	2. Reading: Gilead 3 - 21
	3. Reading: Gilead 21 - 41
	4. Reading: Gilead 41 - 66
	5. Reading: Gilead 66 - 87
	6. Reading: Gilead 87 - 9
	7. Reading: Gilead 99 - 114
	8. Reading: Gilead 114 - 131
	9. Reading: Gilead 131 - 141
	10. Gilead and A Psalm of Life

Unit 3: The Power of Perseverance	
Christian Literature	Assignments
	1. Reading: Gilead 141 - 154
	2. Reading: Gilead 155 - 165
	3. Reading: Gilead 165 - 178
	4. Carl Sandburg's "A Father to His Son"
	5. Reading: Gilead 178 - 184
	6. Reading: Gilead 184 - 190
	7. Reading: Gilead 191 - 202
	8. Reading: Gilead 202 - End

Unit 4: The Power of Peril	
Christian Literature	Assignments
	1. The Importance of Humility
	2. Nathaniel Hawthorne Part I
	3. Nathaniel Hawthorne Part II
	4. George MacDonald "The Hayloft"
	5. George MacDonald "The Lawn," "Old Diamond"
	6. George MacDonald "North Wind," "The Summer House"
	7. The Armor of God

Unit 5: Professional Practices	
Christian Literature	Assignments
	1. Love Does Project
	2. Reading: Love Does 1 - 2
	3. Reading: Love Does 3 - 5
	4. Reading: Love Does 6 - 7
	5. Reading: Love Does 8 - 11
	6. Reading: Love Does 12 - 15
	7. Reading: Love Does 16 - 19
	8. Reading: Love Does 20 - 22
	9. Reading: Love Does 23 - 25
	10. Reading: Love Does 26 - 28
	11. Reading: Love Does 29 - End

Supplemental Resources

Students will need access to a Bible, either in print or online.

Students will need the novel *Gilead* by Marilyn Robinson in Unit 2 and 3 of the course. The text with ISBN 0-374-15389-2 will help with page number references.

Students will need the nonfiction text *Love Does* by Bob Goff for Unit 5 of the course.

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