



CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Poetry Grades 5-8*

This class aims to inspire a greater appreciation for and understanding of poetry. Students will ponder what poetry is, learn about poetic devices and forms, read and discuss poetry in class, and even write their own! In keeping with the Alveary history cycle, the poets listed below are from 1900-present day. In addition to reading, narrating, and discussing the course texts, students will write their own poetry to share in class (not graded). There will also be a few BOC entries and encouragement to add to a commonplace journal. Exams will be given and graded for each term.

The course will have live weekly meetings on Zoom as we read the text together. Class assignments and the schedule will all be assessed through the Canvas platform, which is free. Each student will need an email account to register. One can register using a parent's email account but they will need their own to access the course. If registering with more than two children, they will each need their own email account.

Books and Supplies needed:

- Canvas account (information sent out during the summer)
- Book of Century book
- Commonplace book, optional (notebook for quotes that stand out to the student)
- *What is Poetry? The Essential Guide to Reading and Writing Poems* by Michael Rosen (All Terms)
- *A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms* by Paul B. Janeczko (All Terms)
- *You Come Too: Favorite Poems for Readers of All Ages* by Robert Frost (Term 1)
- *The Dream Keeper and Other Poems* by Langston Hughes (Term 2)
- *Joyful Noise* by Paul Fleischman (Term 3)

Pre-requisites: Needs to be in grades 5-8

Live meetings- Tuesday 11:45 am-12:15 pm EST 1x week

Cost: \$250 for the year per student

Instructor: Christina Wagenet

Questions? Email the instructor: christina.wagenet@gmail.com

*Appropriate for 8th graders who haven't already worked through the book, *What is Poetry?* For those who have, the Alveary recommendations for Grade 8 would be more suitable.