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Children's Literature Online

Course Description

In this online course you will be immersed in the world of children's literature through a genre study approach. Major emphasis will be placed on the identification and selection of quality literature for classroom settings including multicultural texts, the use of children's literature across all disciplines, the establishment of library centers in a classroom, and an increased awareness of how the new literacies can enhance children's responses to books. There are no prerequisites for this course.

Course Rationale

Children's literature is at the core of curriculum planning as can be evidenced throughout the Common Core State Standards. Careful selection of books can help shape a classroom community and frame a unit of study. Teacher candidates and experienced teachers alike need to continuously examine both old and new texts to expand and employ this valuable resource. These skills can be enriched through collaborative examination and exploration of children's literature.

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