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ANG-2006: CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Course Description and Objectives

This course introduces students to the traditions and key characteristics of literature created for and read by children and young adults. As an area of inquiry in literary studies, the study of children's literature is shaped by changing definitions both of childhood and of the role of literature in society. This class will address some of the main concerns raised by the perceived socializing function of children's literature and the transmission of cultural values: this includes, but is not limited to, representations of gender, sexuality, violence, and death, and related issues of censorship.

Pedagogical Approach

This class combines lectures (with the use of PowerPoint presentations and other media), general class discussion, and small group participation with a focus on the close reading and interpretation of each individual work within its socio-historical context and its place in the field of children's literature in general. Students are encouraged to put forward ideas and to contribute to the ensuing debates and should be prepared to participate by reading in advance the work(s) that will be discussed each week. Students are expected to attend all classes and are responsible for all information and instruction provided in them.

Evaluation

Participation Assignments: 10%
Mid-term Test: 25%
Research/Creative Essay: 35%
Final Exam: 30%

Required Texts

Maurice Sendak*, Where the Wild Things Are*
Katherine Applegate, *The One and Only Ivan*
Neil Gaiman*, Coraline*
Katherena Vermette*, A Girl Called Echo: Pemmican Wars* (illustrated by Scott B. Henderson and Donovan Yaciuk)
Cherie Dimaline, *The Marrow Thieves*

- Required texts will be available at *La Maison Anglaise*, Place de la Cité. Additional readings will be posted on the course site.

- Plagiat / voir *Règlement des études de l'Université Laval* : http://www.lit.ulaval.ca/index.php?id=493
- Centre de prévention et d'intervention en matière de harcèlement : https://www.ulaval.ca/services-ul/harcelement.html

Politique relative au calendrier de publication des résultats : 30 % de la note globale devra avoir été attribuée et communiquée aux étudiants deux jours ouvrables avant la date d'abandon sans échec et sans remboursement. Seuls les cours à formule particulière, ayant été approuvés par les directions d'unité, seront exemptés de cette politique, ce qui devra faire l'objet d'une mention dans le plan de cours.

Échelle de conversion de notes (1er cycle)

Excellent :	A+ = 94-100	A = 89-93	A– = 85-88	**Passable :**	D+ = 61-64	D = 55-60
Très bon :	B+ = 82-84	B = 78-81	B– = 75-77	**Insuffisant :**	E = 0-54	
Bon :	C+ = 72-74	C = 68-71	C– = 65-67			