



Fairfield Ludlowe High School - Fairfield Warde High School

THE SUPERNATURAL IN LITERATURE

Insert Teacher Name

Insert Room Number

Insert Full Year/Semester

Insert Period

Insert Email Address

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Supernatural Literature is a semester English elective. The focus of the course is to analyze how the supernatural, as portrayed in literature, is reflective of the human condition. Cultures throughout place and time have written about the supernatural realm in order to contemplate life, death, and the universe. Students will read and discuss aspects of the supernatural in works from the past to the present by such authors as Shelley, King, Poe, Gaiman, Atwood, Bowles, Oates, and others. Through both written and visual texts, students will explore such concepts as monsters, vampires, witches, werewolves, ghosts, and devils. Analytical and creative writing skills will be developed and consistently required. Critical thinking, classroom collaboration, and independent work are integral components of the course. In the fall, students will be able to conference with the teacher regarding their needs for the college application process, including a personal essay. All language standards will be addressed through students' authentic writing as they create pieces that could also be considered for inclusion in the portfolio.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students should:

- interpret and analyze what supernatural literature reveals about the nature of life, death, and the universe.
- examine the purpose and appeal of supernatural literature as a genre.
- consider how to evaluate whether to accept, believe, or reject the supernatural.
- write and research to deepen their understanding of supernatural elements.
- explore what supernatural literature reveals about the human condition.

UNITS OF STUDY

- The Portfolio
- Unit 1: Monsters and Their Origins
- Unit 2: Monsters of Our Own Time

COURSE POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

GRADING

Cumulative/ In- Progress Grading

- 10% of the grade will be based on formative assessments, homework completion, or behavior (see FPS BOE [Policy 6154.1AR](#))
- 90% will be based on assessments

End of Course Grade

- 80% of the overall course grade will reflect the student's mastery of course content and skills during the school year through the Cumulative/In-Progress Grade.
- 20% of the Semester course grade will be based on the Final Assessment.

In addition, please see [Policy 6146.1AR](#) for additional information on grade reporting and late work.

MATERIALS

Insert Course Materials Here (ie. Textbook, Binder, Calculator, Highlighters)

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

[FPS District Guidelines for use of A.I.](#)

Insert Course Expectations Here (including those for the use of AI in your class. See the AI guidelines for consistent language)

WRITING CONFERENCES

Writing conferences are meetings between an English teacher and student outside of class to discuss the student's work. They are an integral part of the Fairfield Public Schools' high school English program. Each student is required to participate in at least one writing conference per semester and at least three throughout the year.

When should students schedule conferences?

Writing conferences can occur during any stage of the writing process: generating ideas, gathering evidence, drafting, editing, revising, and reflecting. A student might use a writing conference to deepen understanding and

hone skills, including conceptual understanding, logical thinking, organization, development of ideas, integration of support and detail, grammar, and/or mechanics. For some assignments, teachers might require students to schedule conferences. **For the first conference of the semester, I am happy to work with you on your ideas or drafts of College Application essays.**

How do students schedule conferences?

Sign up for Writing Conferences using the “Writing Conference” App on Classlink.

Can students schedule conferences to discuss reading assignments?

Yes. Developing and deepening an understanding of course content are inextricably connected to writing assignments.

Are students limited to three writing conferences each school year?

No. Students may schedule more than three writing conferences as long as teachers have room in their schedules and the opportunity to meet with all of their students.

Are writing conferences a part of English elective courses?

Yes. Students in English electives are expected to participate in writing conferences.