



Veritas Academy

A Center for Classical Christian Learning
Savannah, Georgia

Omnibus II Literature – Syllabus Term: 2011-12

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Course Description: The major component of the 8th grade curriculum is the Omnibus course, derived from the Latin *omnis*, meaning “all”. Students study history, literature, and theology under a team of teachers who work together to integrate their teaching in these areas. In the Literature portion of Omnibus II, students will read selected titles from J.R.R. Tolkien during the first and second semesters. They will read a variety of other authors during both semesters as well, exposing them to a wide array of great literature from the Western Tradition. Please refer to the 8th grade Omnibus II Reading List to secure the proper editions of the required textbooks. The emphasis will be on enjoying great literature and stimulating discussion.

Textbook(s): See Omnibus II Literature Reading List. Please bring the book under study to class each day, along with a notebook and pen or pencil.

Student Materials: Notebook for taking notes
Folder with pockets for handouts

Evaluation:	Exams	30%
	Papers	30%
	Reading Quizzes	20%
	Participation	20%

Reading Quizzes: There will be ongoing Reading Quizzes following reading assignments to ensure that the class, as a whole, stays “up to speed” with the material. This is vital if we are to maximize our discussions and learning.

Papers: Literature papers will be assigned periodically throughout the year. The papers, which will vary in length, should be typed and formatted as follows: 1 inch margins on all four sides, 12-point font, printed in black ink, double-spaced, and printed on one side of the page only. The class name, followed by the teacher’s name, followed by the

student's name, followed by the paper title, should appear in the upper right-hand corner of the first page. All other formatting should follow the latest edition of either *The Chicago Manual of Style* or *Turabian's Manual for Writers*.

Weekly Outline - 1st Semester

Weeks

Readings

1-3

The Hobbit

4-6

Father Brown Mysteries

7-10

The Nine Tailors

11-13

The Dragon and The Raven

14-16

The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood

17-18

Review / Exam Week

Weekly Outline - 2nd Semester

Weeks

Readings

1-4

Ivanhoe

5-7

Henry V

8-10

The Fellowship of the Ring

11-13

The Two Towers

14-16

The Return of the King

17-18

Review / Exam Week