EN 303 - Adolescent Literature

3 Credit Hours

An overview of trade book literature generally read by students at the middle and secondary levels in English classrooms. The course will include a brief history of Young Adult Literature, identify the reasons for the proliferation of the genre in contemporary school settings, and explore the pedagogical uses of Young Adult Literatures as a tool for improving literacy skills, particularly among disadvantaged students, both in school and youth group settings. The course will require wide reading, analysis, and pedagogical application in key subgenres of young adult literature, including contemporary realism, poetry, humor, adventure, sports, mysteries, fantasy, historical, dystopian, and science fiction.

Prerequisites

GE 101