



Junior Division English

English with a Focus on Ancient and Medieval Time

Mondays, 9:15-12:15

Building on the skills developed in the Jr. Division Prep year, Jr. Division students will continue to become more engaged and observant readers and writers. They will read and discuss excellent literature and complete variety of writing projects intended to help them develop a clear and powerful writers' voice.

Humanities Focus: The literature selections during the 2022-23 Junior Division year will be set during Ancient and Medieval times, combining a dive into history with the study of high quality literature of various genres.

Writing Objectives

- To improve upon students' current writing ability by assessing strengths and weaknesses in grammar and style
- To craft (edit and reword) writing for better readability and clarity
- To distinguish between academic and casual writing
- To explore various avenues of writing techniques and styles
- To practice composing an academic essay
- To learn to write to an audience
- To analyze their own writing in the same way they analyze other literature in class
- To add literary elements to stories and poetry
- To cite sources correctly when using information from others

Literature Objectives

- To read a variety of works of excellent literature
- To independently identify literary devices in literature
- To develop a deeper understanding of underlying themes, purposes, and symbolism in literature through class discussion and independent analysis
- To compare and contrast different works of literature
- To recognize Biblical themes in literature
- To develop vocabulary fluency through the study of Greek and Latin roots

Prerequisites: Students must be 12 or 13 on or by August 31. This class is designed as a two year course with an entirely different selection of literature and writing projects in the alternate year.

Student Requirements: Students are expected to complete about 4 hours of homework outside of class per week. They will complete tests and quizzes, projects, and writing assignments.

Parent Requirements: Parents may need to be involved with helping students stay organized and on track throughout the week. Parents will need to provide accommodations for students who are below grade level in reading and writing (ie read aloud, scribe for student).