## Literature 9-12

**Day/Time:  Thursday: 2:00 – 2:50**

**Tuition: Annual $630/ Semester $315 (two separate payments)**

**Requirements: Books from the class book list**

**Book Packets:** Students receive a book packet with weekly assignments and vocabulary for each book. Assignments are intended for daily study; however, they are guidelines, not requirements. The packet offers a robust literature program for home school students and promotes a study discipline for long-term learning.

**Teacher Expectations:** Students come to class prepared to discuss the week’s reading assignment.

**Course Description**: Literature serves as a vehicle that transports students to a world teaming with divergent views, unexplored possibilities, and foreign realities. Stepping outside known and familiar boundaries, students make new discoveries, expand their worldview, and add richness to their life.

Reflection is a key element of the course. Students keep literary journals and record personal insights generated from their readings. The journal is the springboard for class discussion and debate. Reflection also enables students to gain deeper insight into the conflicts and challenges facing humanity.  These revelations are discussion topics, which foster understanding, compassion, and empathy for people of different times, beliefs, and cultures.

Although this is not a writing class, students have opportunities to develop and support their writing journey by producing thesis statements with ideas gleaned from literature. Additionally, the course challenges students to explore their own thoughts rather than conform to or blindly accept the opinions of others. Empowering students with freedom of expression encourages them to think independently and take ownership of their beliefs.

This course is that it is not about right or wrong answers; we are not asking those kinds of questions! It’s not about speeding through a book; that’s not our purpose. Instead, this class is about getting into the book and experiencing what literature reveals about life, people, and very often, about us. It’s about reflecting on new discoveries, not spouting answers.

Literature 9-12 is inspiring, challenging, and enlightening! Additionally, it’s fun, and everyone has a voice and an opportunity to be heard!