



# Holy Trinity

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## Holy Trinity Course Description 2017-2018

<b>Class Title:</b>	American Literature & Introduction to Literary Analysis	<b>Grade Level:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> grade – 10 <sup>th</sup> grade
<b>Curriculum:</b>	IEW Windows to the World		
<b>Teacher:</b>	Rebecca Grimm	<b>Contact Info:</b>	rebeccagrimm@rocketmail.com

### Course Description and Objectives:

American Literature will study a number of the prominent authors and literary works from the initial exploration of the Americas, progressing through the early Twentieth Century in the United States. The course will explore annotation, literary technique, structure of writing, and thematic relevance. Emphasis will be placed on polishing essay composition skills and the recognition of stylistic literary technique. We will spend time as a class participating in literary discussion to further develop analytical skills. Students will be encouraged to achieve basic mastery in the analysis of a literary work, as well as to refine basic grammar skills, develop a broader vocabulary, and practice MLA citation techniques.

### List any prerequisites or skills needed:

Sample writing to be submitted for new students demonstrating an understanding of general essay format and basic grammar comprehension. I will send out a request to families upon receiving class list. Please email these to me by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

### List books, textbooks needed for class:

*IEW Windows to the World* by Lesha Myers

\*\*\*We will also read a few novels in addition to the text. I will update the list in late July, when I have finalized my selections for each grade level.\*\*\*

### Where books and textbooks can be purchased:

The Homeschool Store  
Curriculum Connection.net  
IEW.com

### Other supplies the student needs for class (sciences or special electives, please list any additional fees required):

One Composition Notebook (college-ruled) and highlighters.



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**Teacher Bio:** I am a mama to five great kiddos. This is our second year to homeschool and participate in Holy Trinity. My family is from Magnolia, and we are members of the St. Matthias community. I am a catechist to little people on the weekends and LOVE teaching! My husband and I enjoy remodeling, upcycling and restoration. We own and operate our own construction business. When we're not building, my second love is literature! I studied English and earned my BA at SHSU. I love to pass on that love for reading and writing to young people!