

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: CHILDRENS LITERATURE 1
Status: Definitive
Code: **6000CPACR** (100078)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2011

Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Accrington & Rossendale College

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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 30.00
Total Delivered Hours: 44.00
Total Learning Hours: 300
Private Study: 256

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Runs Twice - S1 & S2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	14.000
Seminar	28.000
Tutorial	2.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Seminar paper either on a genre of children's literature, or on children's responses to literature (500 words).	20.0	
Essay	AS2	Essay examining some aspect of children's literature - individually negotiated question (2000 - 3000 words)	40.0	
Report	AS3	Critical analysis of a text chosen from a prescribed list (2000 - 3000 words)	40.0	

Aims

To introduce some of the wealth of stories and verse produced for children over the last 200 years.

To analyse the linguistic and ideological structures of children's literature.

To examine ways in which children experience and respond to storytelling and rhyme.

To relate children's literature to linguistic and educational theory and to the personal, linguistic, imaginative, social and educational development of children.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Analyse some of the linguistic and ideological structures of children's literature, with reference to major developments in the genre.
- 2 Examine ways in which children experience and respond to storytelling and rhyme.
- 3 Relate children's literature to linguistic and educational theory and to the linguistic, imaginative, and cultural development of children.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Essay	2	3	
Essay	1	2	3
Critical analysis	1	2	3

Outline Syllabus

Starting from reflections on students' own memories of childhood reading, the module will survey developments in children's literature from folk and fairytales through the 'classic' age of 19th and 20th century children's books, before studying modern and contemporary writers such as Tolkein, Blyton, Roald Dahl and J K Rowling. It will examine the ideological and social messages transmitted by this material, as well as considering the ways in which children experience these texts and how that experience impinges on their personal development. Modern media such as film and video will also be considered. The material will be related to some relevant literary, educational and psychological theory, and the module will consider some of the roles which literature may have in the linguistic, imaginative, and social development of children, and within the educational process.

Learning Activities

Lectures, seminars, tutorials, private study; and where possible and appropriate, fieldwork.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Carpenter, H. and Pritchard, M
Publishing Year	1999
Title	Oxford Companion to Children's Literature
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Oxford University Press
ISBN	0198602286

Course Material	Book
Author	Feaver, W,
Publishing Year	1977
Title	When We Were Young
Subtitle	two centuries of children's book illustration
Edition	
Publisher	Thames and Hudson
ISBN	0500270759

Course Material	Book
Author	Graham, J.
Publishing Year	1990
Title	The Pictures on the Page
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	National Association for the Teaching of English
ISBN	090129120X

Course Material	Book
Author	Hunt, P. (ed)
Publishing Year	1990
Title	Children's Literature
Subtitle	the development of criticism
Edition	
Publisher	Routledge
ISBN	0415029945

Course Material	Book
Author	Meek, M. Warlow, A. and Barton, G. (eds)
Publishing Year	1978
Title	The Cool Web
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Bodley Head Children's Books
ISBN	0370301447

Course Material	Book
Author	Norton, D.
Publishing Year	2003
Title	Through the Eyes of a Child
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Prentice Hall
ISBN	013042207X

Course Material	Book
Author	Agnew, K. and Fox, G.
Publishing Year	2001
Title	Children at War
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Continuum International Publishing
ISBN	0826448488

Course Material	Book
Author	Bearne, E. and Watson, V. (eds)
Publishing Year	1999
Title	Where Texts and Children Meet
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Routledge Falmer
ISBN	0415206634

Course Material	Book
Author	Hunt, P. and Lenz, M.
Publishing Year	2001
Title	Alternative Worlds in Fantasy Fiction
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Continuum International Publishing
ISBN	0826449360

Course Material	Book
Author	Reynolds, K.
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Modern Children's Literature
Subtitle	an Introduction
Edition	
Publisher	Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN	1403916128

Notes

Although primarily intended as a module within the English BA programme, it is envisaged that this course may also attract part-time students who may for instance be parents, carers, or schoolteachers, or anybody else with a general interest in children's literature specifically or in children's development generally.