

College of Education and Human Development Elementary Education

Children's Literature for Teaching in Diverse Settings Fall 2021 ELED 258 Section DL1 3 credits

Location: Distance Education/Blackboard Workweek: Thursday 12:00am – Wednesday 11:59pm

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Course	Introduces children's literature as a tool for working with children across a range of contexts,					
Description	including early childhood and elementary classrooms. Explores multiple approaches and					
	strategies for literature use in diverse settings with an eye towards format, genre, curricular					
	connections, and overall utility.					
	This course fulfills the Mason Core Literature requirement.					
Course	This course will be delivered online (76% or more) using an asynchronous format via Blackboard					
Methodology	Learning Management system (LMS) housed in the MyMason portal. You will log in to the					
And Technical	Blackboard (Bb) course site using your Mason email name (everything before					
Requirements	@masonlive.gmu.edu) and email password. The course site will be available on August 23, 2021.					
	Under no circumstances, may candidates/students participate in online class sessions (either by phone or Internet) while operating motor vehicles. Further, as expected in a face-to-face class meeting, such online participation requires undivided attention to course content and communication.					
	Technical Requirements					
	 To participate in this course, students will need to satisfy the following technical requirements: High-speed Internet access with standard up-to-date browsers. To get a list of Blackboard's supported browsers see: 					
	https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#support					
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	To get a list of supported operation systems on different devices see:					
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Learner Objectives	 classmates, but sharing information and learning from others. All faculty are similarly expected to be respectful in all communications. <u>Accommodations:</u> Online learners who require effective accommodations to insure accessibility must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to: Read and comprehend the content of various kinds of children's books with attention to detail, nuance, and literary qualities and literary devices (INTASC 4) (Mason Core Literature Outcomes 1 and 3) Plan for meeting the needs of diverse classroom populations including disabilities, SES, ethnicities and race, gender, and linguistic diversity. (INTASC 1, 2, 3) Integrate children's literature across content areas (INTASC 1, 4, 5, 7)
	 Describe why learning communities and motivation are important and describe the major strategies for motivating students. (INTASC 1, 3, 5) Identify genres in children's literature and collect, read, and categorize books based on these genres (INTASC 3, 4, 5, 7)
	 Engage in book discussion to deepen knowledge about and appreciation of children's literature in conjunction with language arts content standards and the historical and cultural contexts within which the literature is situated (INTASC 4, 5, 8) (Mason Core Literature Outcome 4) Deep for and use various instructional strategies including presentation direct
	 Plan for and use various instructional strategies including presentation, direct instruction, concept teaching, cooperative learning, problem-based learning, and classroom discussion and adapt each to meet the needs of diverse students. (INTASC 8)
	 This course fulfills the Mason Core Literature requirement and addresses the following learning outcomes: 1.Students will be able to read for comprehension, detail, and nuance. 3. Analyze the ways specific literary devices contribute to the meaning of a text. 4. Identify and evaluate the contribution of the social, political, historical, and cultural contexts in which a literary text is produced.
Required textbook(s) and/or materials	 Schneider, J. J. (2016). The inside, outside, and upside downs of children's literature. Retrieved from http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/childrens_lit_textbook/ Additional required readings will be posted on Blackboard.
Course Website	Blackboard will be used for this course. You can access the site at ELED 258, Section DL1. NOTE: Username and passwords are the same as your Mason email account. You must have consistent access to an internet connection in order to complete the assignments in this course through Blackboard (http://mymason.gmu.edu). Note the technology requirements for School of Education is in your Blackboard course menu—it contains details of minimum technology requirements.
Participation	Learning can only happen when you are playing an active role. It is important to place more emphasis on <i>developing your insights and skills</i> , rather than transmitting information. Knowledge is more important than facts and definitions. It is a way of looking at the world, an ability to interpret and organize future information. An active learning approach will more likely result in long-term retention and better understanding because you make the content of what you are learning concrete and real in your mind.

Although an active role can look differently for various individuals, it is expected in this class that you will work to explore issues and ideas under the guidance of the professor and your peers. You can do this by reflecting on the content and activities of this course, asking questions, striving for answers, interpreting observations, and discussing issues with your peers. Rules and In correspondence/communication students will be expected to: a) Be professional and respectful in correspondence; please exhaus sign yourse mails with your few will be happy to clarify course material and answer legitimate questions; however, please exhaus other information sources (e.g., yilabus, Blackboard) for answering your question before contacting me and remember, "Poor planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part". In regard to honesty in work students will be expected to: a) Review the University integrity and honesty policies in the student handbook for guidelines regarding plagiarism and cheating (summarized below). I will gladly clarify my stance on any questionable or "grey area" issues you may have. b) Refrain from dishonest work as it will receive a minimum penalty of zero on the assignment and a maximum penalty of zero of the course with a report to the Honor Code violations to the Honor Committee. The GMU Honor Code requires that faculty submit any suspected Honor Code violations to the Honor Code violations to the Honor Code violations to the assignment and a submittee of adjudication. Individuals with Students with documented disabilities should contact the Office of Disability Services (703) 993-2474) to learn more about accommodations that may be available to them. In						
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	RESPONDERS: Write a response to at least TWO leader threads by <u>Tuesday at 11:59pm</u> (Ergo, from Sunday 11:59pm – Tuesday 11:59pm to respond to a post.)
	Responses to <i>at least</i> two classmates' postings should be approximately 50-200 words and should be thoughtful, substantial, polite and more extensive than a simple "well done" phrase or "I agree." Refer to the Discussion Board ideas: Effectively responding to a Peer's Post document located on Blackboard. Consider points of agreement, disagreement, assumptions, and value judgments.
	LEADERS: Respond to posts from peers on your thread with 25-200 words <u>by Wednesday</u> <u>11:59PM.</u> There are 24 hours to respond to a post, <u>but you can do this as soon as someone</u> <u>posts – no need to wait! It will make for a livelier discussion board </u>
	DUE: Leaders will make at least one original post by Sunday 11:59 PM, EST. Responders will post by Tuesday 11:59 PM, EST. Leaders will close out thread by Wednesday 11:59 PM EST.
	Notes:
	 You are always welcome to respond with a video – it makes the discussion board quite interactive and more of a community when we are talking back and forth! Ultimately, threads should have lots of posts with lots of ideas, thoughts and opinions! I will chime in as well – but this is YOUR class – and your TIME to engage! ^(C) Call out classmates if you want someone's opinion or ask probing questions!
	• Once a new discussion thread is provided every Thursday at 12:01am, you can no longer earn points on the previous week's discussion board . Ergo, it is your responsibility to respond to posts during the active week.
Content-based Assignment (3	Content-based assignments are required to be uploaded to Blackboard.
pts each for 12 weeks): 36% of final	Twelve weeks present a new weekly assignment. Refer to the course schedule and weekly lessons for details.
grade	DUE: Assignments are due by Wednesdays, 11:59 PM, EST
Assignment: Picture Book Analysis	Picture Book Analysis You will do a Picture Book Analysis Essay of 3-4 pages in length. Include the following information in your essay:
10% of final grade	 Author and Illustrator information, publication year, title, publisher (APA format) Length of book
	 Why you chose the book Book summary and critical evaluation. Include information regarding the specific literary qualities employed in the book. Critique using any criteria specific to the genre. Identify and evaluate the contribution of the social, political, historical, and cultural contexts in which the text is produced. Include information on the application of the anti-bias checklist to the text. Add any specific author/illustrator information that informs these contributions. Book awards (if applicable)
	DUE: WEDNESDAY, November 17 th by 11:59pm

	Rubric:
	Analysis demonstrates clear/4 summary and thoughtful analysis of literary elements.
	Analysis includes discussion of4 potential bias and addresses the contributions of the social, political, historical, and cultural contexts in which the text was produced
	Mechanics (i.e capitalization,2 punctuation and spelling)
	Total/10
Assignment: Author Study Essay 12% of final grade	 You will select a children's book author from a list provided. The sign-up for author selection will be due by September 29th (list will be posted on Week 2). You will post the name of your chosen author as a new thread on the Discussion Board. Please check to be sure the author hasn't already been chosen by more than one other person. <i>Only two people may choose the same author</i>. You will research your selected children's book author (who has written at least 5 books). You will closely read the author's works and analyze them for themes, content, and literary elements, comparing titles through a critical literacy lens in order to examine: Variations of themes/content and literary elements in books How the author's craft has evolved over time The author's unique contribution to children's literature Include: a discussion of the contribution of the author's use of specific literary devices to contribute to the text's meaning and a discussion of the social, political, historical, and cultural contexts in which the author's work is produced. You will write a 3-4-page essay describing your findings. You raper should include a strong thesis and summary statement, biographical background information on the author, an analysis of the works you read, and a discussion of the author's contributions to children's literature. Include a reference list of the books included and sources cited in the analysis. **In the case of author-illustrators such as Mo Willems, you will need to analyze how illustrations and text work together to convey meaning, (noting artistic style, craft, techniques.)

	Rubric:	
	Element	Points Allotted
	Biographical Information and Contributions to Children's Literature: Relevant and interesting information about the author's life and background and how it impacted writing/illustrating. Unique contributions to the field of children's literature and any awards are explained.	/2
	Literary and/or Illustrative Elements: Demonstrates an in-depth analysis of the literary elements and or illustrative elements (media, design, style) in the author's books, using book vocabulary	/4
	Analysis of Author's Work: Influence of social, political, historical, and/or cultural contexts is comprehensively discussed.	/4
	Mechanics: Original and engaging thesis is included; summary is provided and grammar is correct (i.e., capitalization, punctuation, spelling and APA references)	/2
	Total	/12
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	 Campus Resources Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to <u>tk20help@gmu.edu</u> or <u>https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20</u>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <u>http://coursessupport.gmu.edu/</u>. For information on student support resources on campus, see <u>https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus</u>
	Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking: As a faculty member, I am designated as a "Responsible Employee," and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking to Mason's Title IX Coordinator per University Policy 1202. If you wish to speak with someone confidentially, please contact one of Mason's confidential resources, such as Student Support and Advocacy Center (SSAC) at 703- 380-1434 or Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at 703-993-2380. You may also seek assistance from Mason's Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730, or emailing <u>titleix@gmu.edu</u> .
	For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/ .
Professional	Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all
Dispositions	times. See https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/polices-procedures/
Mason Honor	The complete Honor Code is as follows:
Code	To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all
	members of the George Mason University community and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the university community, have set forth this honor code: Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work. (catalog.gmu.edu)
Cheating Policy	Any form of cheating on an activity, post, or project will result in zero points earned. "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to, the following: reviewing others' papers, having ANY resources utilized when not allowed, collaborating with another student during an individual assignment, presenting information about texts that comes directly from another source that is not referenced.
	If you have questions about when the contributions of others to your work must be acknowledged and appropriate ways to cite those contributions, please talk with the professor or utilize the GMU writing center.
Plagiarism and the Internet	Copyright rules also apply to users of the Internet who cite from Internet sources. Information and graphics accessed electronically must also be cited, giving credit to the sources. This material includes but is not limited to e-mail (don't cite or forward someone else's e-mail without permission), newsgroup material, information from Web sites, including graphics. Even if you give credit, you must get permission from the original source to put any graphic that you did not create on your web page. Shareware graphics are not free. Freeware clipart is available for you to freely use. If the material does not say "free," assume it is not. Putting someone else's Internet material on your web page is stealing intellectual property. Making links to a site is, at this time, okay, but getting permission is strongly advised, since many

Web sites have their own requirements for linking to their material. Review the Honor Code
here.

Unless otherwise stated, all assignments are due by the end of the week in which they are assigned. For the purposes of this course, a week is defined as **beginning at 12:01 am each Thursday EST**, and **ending at 11:59 pm on the following Wednesday EST**.

To help you manage your schedule and time to complete the assignments in this course, please follow the recommended timeline below. If you have a question or concern or encounter a problem about an assignment, please contact Dr. Groth **immediately** so we can discuss and work out a resolution.

All assignments and lessons are subject to change.

Weeks Lessons		Readings	Tasks for this week
Week 1 Aug 26- Sept 1	Lesson 1: Course Overview	 Read Syllabus carefully Read TEXT: Schneider, chapter 1 Watch VIDEO: Introduction to the text 	 Discussion Board VIDEO post - everyone post their own thread by Sunday 8/29/21; each person responds either (by video or written words) to 3 people by 11:59 pm on Wednesday 9/1/21 Content Assignment: Get to Know video
Week 2 Sept 2 - 8	Lesson 2: Anatomy of a Picture Book	 Read TEXT: Schneider chapter 2, pp. 9-22 and chapter 3, pp. 28-31 and 44-53 Watch VIDEO: <i>Last Stop On Market Street</i> read aloud: <u>https://youtu.be/QoPS0Ok5Yil</u> Go to the library and find a favorite picture book 	 Discussion Board WRITTEN post following your assigned role (Leader or Responder) Content Assignment: Picture Book Scavenger Hunt
Week 3 Sept 9 -15	Lesson 3: Visual Purpose in Picture Books	 Read TEXT: Schneider chapter 5 pp. 98-125 Read ARTICLE: Giorgis (2011) Watch VIDEO: Crown – An Ode to the Freshest Cut Read Aloud: <u>https://youtu.be/zDoz8FpYhMU</u> Watch VIDEO: Princess Furball Read Aloud: <u>https://youtu.be/n4wk8rkJtJc</u> Listen to AUDIOFILE: Analysis of Princess Furball illustrations 	 Discussion Board WRITTEN post following your assigned role (Leader or Responder) Content Assignment: Picture Book Illustration Analysis video

Week 4 Sept 16 -22	Lesson 4: Literary Elements and Critical Literacy	 Read TEXT: Schneider chapter 5, pp. 126-129 Read TEXT: Horning chapter 7 Read ARTICLE: Sims Bishop (2015) Watch VIDEO: <i>The Cart That Carried Martin</i> Read Aloud: https://youtu.be/K5s37_eQesI 	 Discussion Board WRITTEN post following your assigned role (Leader or Responder) Content Assignment:Literary and Visual Elements in a Picture Book activity
Week 5 Sept 23 -29	Lesson 5: Challenged and Banned Books	 Read TEXT: Schneider chapter 12 Read ARTICLE, Scheib (2017): <u>https://cei.org/blog/the-politics-of</u> childrens- literature/ Read ARTICLE, Ferguson (2018): <u>https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/jan</u> /21/childrens-books-sexism-monster-in-your- <u>kids-book-is-male</u> Explore WEBSITE: <u>https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks</u> Watch 3 VIDEOS of your choice: Banned/Challenged books 	 Discussion Board WRITTEN post following your assigned role (Leader or Responder) Content Assignment: 3 Challenged Books Analysis Chart **Select your author for Author Study Essay due Dec 8th
Week 6 Sept 30- Oct 6	Lesson 6: Critical Literacy and Anti-Bias Books	 Read ARTICLE: Derman-Sparks (2016) https://socialjusticebooks.org/guide-for- selecting-anti-bias-childrens-books/ Read ARTICLE: ERIC Digest Gender (Singh, 1998): https://www.ericdigests.org/1999- 3/gender.htm Watch Critical Literacy VIDEO: https://wiobyrne.com/critical-literacy/ Review WEBSITE: https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/ Review WEBSITE: https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/ Review WEBSITE: https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks 	 Discussion Board VIDEO post following your assigned role (Leader or Responder) Content Assignment: Anti-Bias Checklist and a Picture Book
Week 7 Oct 7 - 13	Lesson 7: Multicultural Texts	 Read ARTICLE: CLA Position Paper <u>https://www.childrensliteratureassembly.org</u> /uploads/1/1/8/6/118631535/inclusiondivers ityandequitypolicystatement.pdf Read ARTICLE: Lu (2020) <u>https://www.leeandlow.com/educators/race/m</u> <u>ulticultural-children-s-literature-in-the-</u> <u>elementary-classroom</u> Read ARTICLE: Hill (2011) <u>https://socialjusticebooks.org/wp- content/uploads/2017/04/The_Color_of_Aut</u> <u>henticity.pdf</u> 	 Discussion Board WRITTEN post following your assigned role (Leader or Responder) Content Assignment: Multicultural text analysis of <i>Fry Bread</i>

Week 8 Oct 14 - 20	Lesson 8: Nonfiction – Informational Text and Biography	 Explore WEBSITE: Center for The Study of Multicultural Children's Literature <u>https://www.csmcl.org/</u> Watch VIDEO: <i>Fry Bread</i> Read Aloud Read TEXT: Schneider Chapter 11 Read WEBSITE: Kotek, N. <u>https://kotekchildrensliterature.blogspot.co</u> <u>m/p/biography.html</u> Read WEBSITE: Nonfiction Award-Winning Books <u>https://nerdybookclub.wordpress.com/2019/</u> <u>12/27/the-2019-nerdies-nonfiction-picture- books-announced-by-lynsey-burkins/</u> 	 Discussion Board VIDEO post following your assigned role (Leader or Responder) Content Assignment: Biography OR Informational Text Analysis
Week 9 Oct 21 - 27	Lesson 9: Traditional Literature	 Read TEXT: Schneider chapter 9, pp. 252-266 Read WEBSITE: Kotek, N. <u>https://kotekchildrensliterature.blogspot.co</u> <u>m/p/traditional-literature.html</u> Watch VIDEO: Multicultural Cinderella Story Read Alouds – Select 1 	 Discussion Board WRITTEN post following your assigned role (Leader or Responder) Content Assignment: Cinderella Comparisions
Week 10 Oct 28 - Nov 3	Lesson 10: Contemporary Realistic Fiction	 Read ARTICLE: Andrews (2017) <u>https://penandthepad.com/characteristics-genre-realistic-fiction-10068941.html</u> Read WEBSITE: Kotek, N. <u>https://kotekchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/p/contemporary-realistic-fiction.html</u> Watch VIDEO: Fiction Book Genres – What is Realistic Fiction: <u>https://youtu.be/8_W_YjAQUV0</u> Watch VIDEO: Shortcut Read Aloud <u>https://youtu.be/IQjVDgtgEkw</u> 	 Discussion Board VIDEO post following your assigned role (Leader or Responder) Content Assignment: Shortcut Analysis Activity
Week 11 Nov 4 - 10	Lesson 11: Historical Fiction	 Read WEBSITE: Kotek, N. <u>https://kotekchildrensliterature.blogspot.co</u> <u>m/p/historical-fiction.html</u> Read WEBSITE: Uncover the Past <u>https://www.uncoverthepast.org/2020/01/e</u> <u>valuating-childrens-historical-fiction.html</u> Read ARTICLE: Klages, E. <u>https://www.readbrightly.com/importance- of-kids-historical-fiction/</u> 	 Discussion Board WRITTEN post following your assigned role (Leader or Responder) Content Assignment: Historical Fiction Analysis Activity

Week 12 Nov 11 - 17	Lesson 12: Fantasy and Science Fiction	 Watch VIDEO: Faithful Elephants Read Aloud <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtV13vU</u> <u>Re11</u> Read WEBSITE: Kotek, N. <u>https://kotekchildrensliterature.blogspot.co</u> <u>m/p/modern-fantasy.html</u> Read ARTICLE: McGowen, K. <u>https://teachers.yale.edu/curriculum/viewer/ initiative_06.03.08_u#top</u> Read WEBSITE: <u>https://bookriot.com/best- fantasy-books-for-kids/</u> 	 Discussion Board VIDEO post - everyone post their own thread by Sunday 11/14/21; each person responds either (by video or written words) to 3 people by 11:59 pm on Wednesday 11/17/21 Assignment: Picture
Week 13 Nov 18 - 24	Lesson 13: Poetry	 Read TEXT: Schneider chapter 10 Read ARTICLE: Vardell (2017) Read ARTICLE: <u>https://inkingsandinklings.wordpress.com/20</u> <u>11/11/19/the-30-poems-you-should-know/</u> Read POEM: "The Bravest Deed" Listen to AUDIOFILE: Fletcher on "The Bravest Deed" 	 Book Analysis Essay DUE Discussion Board WRITTEN post following your assigned role (Leader or Responder) Content Assignment: Evaluating Poems You Should Know
Week 14 Nov 25 – Dec 1	No Lesson	Thanksgiving Week Off	No Assignments
Week 15 Dec 2 - 8	Lesson 14: Course Reflection and Feedback	 Read ARTICLE: Crippen, M. (2012) <u>https://www.luther.edu/oneota-reading-</u> journal/archive/2012/the-value-of-childrens- <u>literature/#:~:text=Children's%20literature%2</u> <u>0is%20important%20because,and%20develo</u> <u>pment%20of%20the%20student's</u> 	 Discussion Board WRITTEN post Assignment: Author's Study Essay DUE