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Overview of It's Epic! (Grades 9-12)

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Required Texts:

- *The Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring*
- *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*
- *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*
- **Excerpts from other epic literature** including: Beowulf, Morte d'Arthur, Idylls of the King, The Iliad and the Odyssey. – (provided by instructor)

Course Prerequisites: Themes in Literature

Topics Included in Course:

- Understand epic literature focusing on the hero's journey and themes of good and evil, providence/fate, pride/humility, individual freedom/choice, heroism/courage, forgiveness/redemption and friendship/fellowship.
- Apply the above themes to our individual lives as Christian through journal entries.
- Explore an author's use of world-building including setting, characterization, myth and language.
- Build skills including annotating passages, journaling ideas, note-taking, outlining and literary analysis.

Students can expect to spend an average of 1 hour to an hour and a half a day on homework

Supplies:

- 3-ring binder with Dividers for handouts and notetaking
- Pens (blue or black AND red ink)
- Post-It notes for annotating books (if you don't want to or can't write in the novels)
- Access to a dictionary and thesaurus and to a library and computer for extensive research
- A computer, laptop, or tablet with internet access and ability to access **Microsoft Teams** through Pioneers.

Student Evaluation: Students will receive a percentage grade each semester based upon the following:

Assignments:	40%
Test & Exams:	20%
Essays:	20%
Participation:	20%

Grading Scale	
90-100%	=A
80-89%	=B
70-79%	=C
60-69%	=D
Less than 60%	=E