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Overview of THEMES in LITERATURE & COMPOSITION (Grade 8-10)

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Texts and Literature Selection Required:

- **Themes in Literature, 5th Edition** — Abeka - Code Number: 341932
- **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** by C.S. Lewis
- **Romeo and Juliet** by William Shakespeare (side-by-side version or a copy with footnotes that explain some language, culture, etc...may be helpful but not required)
- **The Pearl** by John Steinbeck
- **A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens

Class Description: Using the Abeka textbook as a guide, this course will focus on recognizing and appreciating the elements of great literature. Works by a wide variety of master writers will be examined and analyzed by the class. A large focus of this class will be recognizing the literary elements of plot, theme, style, characterization and setting; and learning to compose a literary analysis according to these criteria. We also cover research and research paper writing, essay-writing techniques and creative composition. Students will be taught how to improve their own writing skills through the revision process and should plan to spend at least an hour per day on homework for this class.

Supplies:

- Large; 3-ring notebook with dividers
- Loose-leaf notebook paper (No spiral notebooks)
- Blue or black ink pens
- Red ink pens
- Access to a computer, laptop, or tablet and access to TEAMS

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

Homework:	40%
Essays:	20%
Test & Exams:	20%
Research Paper	10%
Participation:	10%

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

I look forward to learning with your student(s) this year. Please feel free to contact me at any time during this course if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you