



Dubuque COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Course Syllabus: Contemporary Literature

Course Description

This course is designed for students interested in exploring mostly American literature based on contemporary issues and topics. Fiction, non-fiction, plays, film and poetry (including contemporary music lyrics) will be studied in depth. Students will use their skills as a reader to analyze, write, and discuss the impact contemporary issues have on their lives and the lives of others.

[View the Iowa Core Standards related to this course](#)

Resources

Anchor Texts:

- *Go Ask Alice* by Beatrice Sparks
- *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer
- *Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls
- *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* by Wes Moore
- *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro
- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

Grading Scale

A 100 – 93
A- 92 – 90
B+ 89 – 87
B 86 – 83
B- 82 – 80
C+ 79 – 77
C 76 – 73
C- 72 – 70
D+ 69 – 67
D 66 – 63
D- 62 – 60
F Below 60%

Parent/Guardian Access to Canvas

Parents/guardians may access their student's courses as an observer on the district's Canvas Learning Management System.

[Instructions: How to Observe Your Child's Canvas Classes](#)