

# Young Adult Literature

## Communication:

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## Course Description:

This course emphasizes novels and short stories that focus on teens as the main characters. Drawn from today's headlines, the contemporary plots include such issues as peer pressure, abuse, drunk driving, gangs, health problems and violence.

## Standards:

The following Iowa Common Core Standards will be met throughout this semester course:

**Reading Literature** (RL 11-12.1, RL 11-12.2, RL 11-12.3, IA.1, IA.2, RL 11-12.4, RL 11-12.5, RL 11-12.6, RL 11-12.7, RL 11-12.9, RL 11-12.10); **Reading Information Text** (RI 11-12.1, RI 11-12.2, RI 11-12.3, IA.1, IA.2, RI 11-12.4, RI 11-12.5, RI 11-12.6, RI 11-12.7, RI 11-12.10); **Writing** (W 11-12.9); **Speaking and Listening** (SL 11-12.1, SL 11-12.3, SL 11-12.4, SL 11-12.5); **Language** (L 11-12.4, L 11-12.5, L 11-12.6).

- See the Iowa Common Core Website (<https://iowacore.gov/>) for descriptions about each standard and which unit we are going to cover the standards in.

## Course Content:

Almost all of the reading will be done in class. However, if you are absent, you are expected to make up the reading on your own time (talk to me – we will figure something out). A tentative schedule is listed below:

Unit I: Human Trafficking

Unit II: *Sold*: Patricia McCormick

Unit III: Independent Piece - non-fiction

- *Mountains Beyond Mountains*: Tracy Kidder
- *The Queen of Water*: Laura Resau & Maria Virginia Farinango
- *Enrique's Journey*: Sonia Nazario
- *First they Killed My Father*: Loung Ung

## Expectations:

1. **Mature discussions** –regarding content and thought
2. **Participation**– participation in class discussion and activities are required for a passing grade
3. **Attendance** –building policy will be followed
4. **Assignments** –are expected to be turned in ON TIME. Due dates will be announced and posted in OneNote.
  - **Generally, all assignments and make-up assignments are due BY THE END OF THE TERM!!!**

**Food and beverages:** building policy will be followed.

## Grading:

- Grades will be entered into Infinite Campus I as assignments are turned in. Feel free to check Infinite Campus at your leisure. Please ask if you have ANY questions regarding your grade. After all, **YOU** are in charge of the grade **YOU** earn.