



Course Description

When you look in the mirror, what do you see? The scientific answer is that you see a piece of glass with a thin layer of silver nitrate behind it, which causes light to reflect back at you and produce an image of your face. But that's not what I was asking. When you look in a mirror, do you see beauty? The thing is, people are not perfect, but they are beautiful. When you look in the mirror, you could see imperfections or beauty, because what you will see is what you choose to look for. In the same way, the world is not perfect, but it is beautiful. When you look at the world, you could see imperfections or beauty, because what you will see is what you choose to look for. They are both there, the beauty and the brokenness. That's what MS English 1 is all about, asking the question, what is beauty, and then looking for the answer by reading and writing stories, novels, poems, and other texts. It's about seeing where the world is broken, and that somehow little cracks of beauty can find a way to grow even in the most difficult circumstances. After all, beauty is everywhere if you look for it, even when you look in the mirror—especially when you look in the mirror.

This is a year-long course consisting of 6 units.

Course Overview

Semester 1 Units:

1. Media and Advertising
2. Novel Study: *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio
3. Short Stories and Poetry

Semester 2 Units:

4. Literature Circles
5. Creative Writing
6. Oral Storytelling

Methods of Evaluation

Students will demonstrate mastery through the following formative and summative assessments:

- 40% Assignments
- 10% Participation (Discussion Posts, Live Classes)
- 10% Quizzes
- 25% Final Assessment
- 15% Unit Tests

Additional Course Information

Detailed information regarding OC Online policies on proctored final exams, grading policy, late/missing assignment policy, weekly live sessions, course expectations, and additional school policies can be found on the website.