



## **Course Description**

Welcome to MS English 3 where we dig deep into reading, learning the traits and techniques of excellent readers while we hone our skills in analytical reading. This course focuses on improving reading comprehension and creating passion for reading and thinking. Students will slow down the reading process to ensure fuller comprehension of both implicit and explicit meaning and the correlating underlying assumptions. Students read both nonfiction and fiction, from short essays to full novels. Assignments include summarizing, analyzing, synthesizing and evaluating. Students will discuss language, philosophy and ideologies as they relate to specific books.

This is a yearlong course consisting of 11 units.

## **Course Overview**

### **Semester 1**

- What Kind of Reader Are You?
- Pre-Reading and Close Reading Strategies
- Out of This World Short Stories
- Stories of Suspense and Terror
- From One Generation to Another
- Of Beetles and Angels

### **Semester 2**

- Essay Writing: Claim, Evidence, Warrant
- Wonder Part 1
- Wonder Part 2
- Worlds at War
- New Worlds & Final Exam

## **Required Course Materials**

Please access the list of course materials from the OC Online book ordering system and order your materials as soon as possible. Oftentimes, course materials are on back order and you may experience a delay in receiving them, causing students to fall behind in their online coursework. When ordering used or rented materials, be careful that online access codes are also current.

## Methods of Evaluation

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

- 40% Assignments
- 10% Participation (Discussion Posts, Synchronous Sessions)
- 10% Quizzes
- 25% Final Exam
- 15% Unit Tests