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English 3405.002 Spring 2008 Children’s Literature
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Textbooks:
Baese, *Animalia*
Coerr, *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*
Fitzhugh, *Harriet The Spy*
Keene, *The Secret of the Old Clock*
Levine, *Ella Enchanted*
Lewis, *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe (from The Chronicles of Narnia)*
Lowry, *The Giver*
Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone*
Taylor, *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

Other materials may be added, so stay tuned. Also, you are responsible for learning from each other, and exams, responses etc. may include all handouts and other materials such as picture books and poems presented in class, whether by me or by others in the class.

**Course Description and Objectives:** By the end of this course, you should have a working knowledge of various types of children’s literature—poems, folk tales, realistic fiction (including problem fiction), and fantasy, specific knowledge of particular works and forms, and skill in evaluating them. With lively and thoughtful discussion I hope you’ll enjoy them, too.

**Grading:** Unless otherwise specified, your grading will be based upon 100 points as follows—
Mid-term Exam 15 points
Final Exam 20 points
Annotated Bibliography of Picture Books 20 points
Novel Paper 25 points
Written responses and quizzes 10 points
Participation and group work 10 points

Grades will use numbers instead of letters, and will be curved. These will convert into your final grade as follows: 91-100=A, 80-90=B, 70-79=C, 65-70=D, below 65=F.
Responsibilities and Policies:

1. Come to every class meeting, and keep the lines of communication open. Late work gets lowered grades unless we’ve come to a clear understanding before the due date.

2. No notebook computers, cell phones, mp3 players etc. on or out in the classroom. At all, ever, except as prescribed by the Office of Disability Services. They are a distraction and impede learning for everyone, not just the person using them.

3. More than two absences will result in a deduction from your point total of 1 point for every class missed. More than six, and you will not pass the course. But there will be points added for students who contribute to discussion and write clear, articulate, and thoughtful responses to the reading.

4. Honor Policy: The ethics of academic honesty dictate that students do their own work—always. Taking someone else’s words or thoughts and using them in your own writing without giving credit is plagiarism as is cheating on exams etc. If I catch you doing any of it, you will fail the course and be reported to Judicial Affairs.

5. Paper Format: papers and class responses should be typed, double-spaced with one-inch margins and type no larger than 12-point, with your name, the class, the section number, and the date at the top. They should use MLA style for citations.

If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible.

Please Note: Any policy statement or syllabus is by its very nature a tentative document. Changes in any part, including grading, are possible during the semester, and an announcement in class will be considered sufficient notice of such change.

Important Dates:
Final draft of annotated picture book bibliography  Jan. 31
Mid-term Exam Feb. 21
Final draft of Novel Paper  April 3
Final Exam Tuesday April 29 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Responses to readings are due the day discussion of a work begins. You will receive points for them only if they are on time.