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Read Me a Story, Teacher: Literature Lessons and Strategies for PK-6

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Office Hours: Online course, please email
Grading: 3 hour undergraduate college credit

I. Course Description:

Instruction in this course focuses on the various forms of children's literature (prose & poetry) and how to evaluate and effectively utilize and present (i.e., read-alouds, shared readings, choral readings, etc.) this literature in a PK-6 setting. This course should be considered as "writing intensive" because students are required to complete numerous critiques/reviews of children's literature in addition to lesson plans.

II. Course Aims and Objectives:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the components of quality children's literature.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the criteria used to evaluate children's literature.
- Describe various strategies for presenting quality children's literature to children.
- Identify and describe the various genres of children's literature.
- Identify and describe appropriate literature for use with children in various developmental stages.
- Discuss various methods of incorporating children's literature within the elementary curriculum.
- Identify noted authors and illustrators of children's literature.
- Identify and describe the various awards given for quality children's literature.
- Highlight the historical development of children's literature.
- Discuss issues related to censorship of children's literature
- Explain the role of family in the development of early literacy skills.
- Read a variety of books suitable for the children's library.
- Create appropriate literature lesson plans across the curriculum.