

Course Description: **High School Literature** Grades 9-12 2026-2027

Illuminating Literature: When Worlds Collide is a one year high school literature course written from a Christian perspective that incorporates novels to explore the structural elements of fiction. Students will learn literary terms and gain an appreciation of fine literature while becoming more knowledgeable and discerning readers. They will also become more powerful fiction writers. This will be a relaxed atmosphere where we will have much discussion about the text. Students will keep a Novel Notebook, where they will be asked to answer questions, identify concepts such as examples of foreshadowing, or look for specific story elements as they read. Some short writing assignments will be required. They will be graded on literary terms, class participation, successful completion of each book as well as assignments and activities.

Text needed: *Illuminating Literature: When Worlds Collide* textbook

Novels needed: This course specifically uses the following editions; please be careful to have the approved versions (check ISBN #'s) since lessons refer to specific page numbers in these books. All of these are available on christianbook.com

Pudd'nhead Wilson by Mark Twain; Dover Publication; ISBN 048640885X

The War of the Worlds by H. G. Wells; Dover Publications; 0486295060

The Friendly Persuasion by Jessamyn West; Harcourt, Inc; 015602909X or 0156336065

Warriors Don't Cry by Melba Pattillo Beals; Washington Square Press/Pocket Books; 0671866397

Peter Pan by Sir James Barrie; Dover Publications; 0486407837

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury; Simon & Schuster; 9781451673319

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens: Dover Publications: 0486406512

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis; HarperCollins; 9780060652937

***Note:** There is a cheaper version of *Warriors Don't Cry* with a red cover and a black-and-white photo of some of the students moving from the school to the station wagon, with soldiers in the background. This version, however, is abridged and will not match the page numbers referred to in this course.

****Also,** a student may use Kindle, NOOK, or some other tablet that has a search function that the student knows how to use. Students using these devices and the search function can keep up in class well and can track with the written material in the textbook.

60 min. class

Teacher: Mrs. Teresa Kern Cost: \$405/year (Cost does not include supplies or texts.)

Thursdays, 12:35 pm-1:35 pm, at Chesterfield Presbyterian Church

9Up Student orientation: Aug. 13, 2026 Time TBA

Fall semester: Aug. 20, 2026 to Nov. 19, 2026

Winter semester: Jan. 7, 2027 to April 15, 2027

This class will be cancelled if it does not reach a minimum of 5 students.

Mrs. Teresa Kern is a certified teacher with a BS in Education. She has taught in Catholic, public, and Christian schools, as well as homeschooled her own sons for many years. She has taught many humanities classes for 9Up since 2019 and has tutored students at many grade levels. Literature, English grammar and American history are some of her favorite subjects to teach.