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M: Course Objectives/Learning OutcomesReading

The successful student should be able to

- 1) read attentively and receptively;
- 2) read with a sensitivity to language, including a recognition and understanding of the difference between denotation and connotation;
- 3) recognize and understand the device of irony;
- 4) recognize and understand such speech elements as dialogue, monologue, and soliloquy;
- 5) recognize and understand character elements;
- 6) recognize and understand such structural elements as plot, multiple plot, conflict, and exposition;
- 7) recognize and understand some elements of stagecraft; and
- 8) understand the influence of a live audience on elements of the play.

Writing

The successful student should be able to

- 1) pre-write by using devices such as informal and formal outlines;
- 2) develop an essay through multiple drafts and respond effectively to commentary on his or her written work;
- 3) develop and use a thesis;
- 4) develop a unified and coherent essay;
- 5) comprehend the nature of literary evidence and use this type of evidence effectively and correctly; and
- 6) write with a thematic focus.

N: Course Content

Selected literary texts (see sample list)

A significant portion of the course will be devoted to instruction in writing critical essays on literary subjects.

O: Methods of Instruction

Some or all of the following methods will be used:

- students' attendance at a play
- lecture/discussion
- interviews
- group work and peer editing
- instructor feedback on students' written work

P: Textbooks and Materials to be Purchased by Students

Sample Reading List:

Fugard, My Children, My Africa

Highway, The Rez Sisters

Anne-Marie MacDonald, Good Night Desdemona, Good Morning Juliet

Miller, The Crucible

Shakespeare, Romeo & Juliet

Wertenbaker, Our Country's Good

Q: Means of Assessment

- A minimum of two academic essays, with a combined value of at least 40% of the course grade.
- At least three other evaluations, such as writing assignments, tests, and oral reports.
- At least 15% of the course grade will be based on in-class writing.

Writing Competency Bar

A student must achieve a grade of C- or better (on first submission) on at least one of the academic essays in order to achieve a grade of better than P for the course.

R: Prior Learning Assessment
