

Literature Circle: Bridge to Terabithia

Grades:	5th – 7th
Day of Week:	Wednesday
Time of Class:	9:00 am – 10:30 am ET
Length of Class:	10 weeks
Semester:	Fall 2023
Tuition:	\$250.00

Class Dates:

Week 1: Week of September 11

Week 2: Week of September 18

No classes from September 25 – October 6, 2023 – Jewish Holidays

Week 3: Week of October 9

Week 4: Week of October 16

Week 5: Week of October 23

Week 6: Week of October 30

Week 7: Week of November 6

Week 8: Week of November 13

No classes from November 20 – 24 – Thanksgiving Holidays

Week 9: Week of November 27

Week 10: Week of December 4

Make-Up Days: Week of December 11

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Description of Class:

Bridge to Terabithia is a classic story that teaches about friendship, love, and loss. This amazing story by Katherine Paterson won the 1978 Newbery Medal for children's literature. It focuses on the sweet friendship of a tween boy and girl who share imaginative play, creating a world of their own just a rope swing away, far from the school bullies they face.

Together, we will emphasize theme, symbolism, social issues, historical context, and inferences about what might come next in the story as well as predicting activities. Some of our conversations might cover bullying, the differences between Leslie's and Jess' families and the importance of creativity and make-believe.

What is a Literature Circle?

In literature circles, small groups of students gather to discuss a piece of literature in depth. The discussion is guided by students' responses to what they have read. You may hear talk about events and characters in the book, the author's craft, or personal experiences related to the story. Literature circles provide a way for students to engage in critical thinking and reflection as they read, discuss, and respond to books. Collaboration is at the heart of this approach. Students reshape and add onto their understanding as they construct meaning with other readers. Finally, literature circles guide students to deeper understanding of what they read through structured discussion and extended written and artistic response.

Class Approach:

The class will be a combination of reading comprehension review via Kahoot!, in class journal writing/freewrite, vocabulary, discussion, and creative assignments.

Textbook:

Bridge to Terabithia
By Katherine Paterson

https://www.amazon.com/Bridge-Terabithia-Katherine-Paterson/dp/0064401847/ref=sr_1_1?crid=13A40B2MSOFKY&keywords=bridge+to+terabithia+book&qid=1674694489&srefix=bridge+to+ter%2Caps%2C199&sr=8-1

**** PLEASE DO NOT HAVE STUDENTS PRE-READ BOOK. ****

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

Microphone / Headset for Class Discussions
single subject spiral notebook for journal reflections

Pencil / Pen
Colored Pencils / Markers / Crayons
Basic Art Supplies
Access to PowerPoint (if student chooses this option)

Requirements:

A sensitivity to other students and any emotions that may come out during the reading of the book as well as discussions.

Students are EXPECTED to participate in class discussions.

Weekly Homework:

Approximately a 60 – 90 minutes weekly.

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Homework Policy:

It is expected that students will keep up with the reading to be able to fully participate in class.

Grading Scale:

Exceeds Expectations
Meets Expectations
Not Yet
Incomplete

If parents would like a traditional letter grade, please notify the teacher by week two of the class.