

The One and Only Ivan

Grades: 2nd (mature) - 5
Day of Week: Thursday
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:

This unforgettable novel from renowned author Katherine Applegate celebrates the transformative power of unexpected friendship. Inspired by the true story of a captive gorilla known as Ivan, this illustrated book is told from the point of view of Ivan himself.

Having spent twenty-seven years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes.

In the tradition of timeless stories like *Charlotte's Web* and *Stuart Little*, Katherine Applegate blends humor and poignancy to create an unforgettable story of friendship, art, and hope.

The One and Only Ivan features first-person narrative. During class we will cover character, character motivation, conflict, plot development, symbolism, theme, and conflict. Additionally, we will cover literary devices such as personification and imagery.

Textbook:

The One and Only Ivan

By Katherine Applegate

<https://www.amazon.com/One-Only-Ivan-Katherine-Applegate/dp/0061992275>

Please do NOT have students pre-read book!

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

Microphone / Headset for Class Discussions

Two Pocket Folder

Pencil / Pen

Colored Pencils / Markers / Crayons

Basic Art Supplies

Smart Phone / Digital Camera for Photo Journal

A detailed list of craft supplies will be provided before the first class.

Requirements:

Students are EXPECTED to participate in class discussions.

Weekly Homework:

Total homework time: approximately 2 hours weekly

This is for reading (or begin read to) as well as any informal journaling and craft activities.

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.

Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

**Keep in mind these chapters are extremely short in just a couple pages at a time so we should have no problem getting through this much per week. **

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction Author Information
Week 2	Chapters 1 – 17 Kahoot!
Week 3	Chapters 18 – 34 Kahoot!
Week 4	Chapters 35 – 52 Kahoot!
Week 5	Chapters 53 – 70 Kahoot!
Week 6	Chapters 71 – 87 Kahoot!
Week 7	Chapters 88 – 105 Kahoot!
Week 8	Chapters 106 – 122 Kahoot!
Week 9	Chapters 123 – 140 Kahoot!
Week 10	Chapters 141 – end of the novel Kahoot!

