

# *Syllabus*

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## **Course Description:**

This course is designed to familiarize you with the novella, through selected analytical, literary, and critical perspectives on how to read, write, and think about this specific literary form and its potential to serve as a springboard to engage our minds, our intellect, and our imagination, so that we can further develop our creative and critical reading, writing, and thinking skills.

## **Requirements:**

You are expected to read, write, think, and be open-minded. You are expected to keep up with all assigned readings and complete assignments independently (unless otherwise instructed). You are expected to attend class daily and participate enthusiastically, for it will directly impact your grade.

## **Class Format:**

The class is roughly 50 minutes; the first half begins with Entrance Tickets followed by solicited responses, leading to a mini-lesson, review, or lecture. (*You will be graded separately for writing completing the “Entrance Ticket” and for sharing it.*) In the second half, we will read a text based on the theme/focus (each unit has a different focus). Moreover, during the second half, you will have the opportunity to engage in structured discussions (i.e., Socratic Dialogues), give a presentation, or work collaboratively or independently (e.g., on a writing assignment or project).