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**Halifax Area School
Course Plan
Popular Literature**

**Course Name: Popular Literature
Unit: Fiction**

Time Line: Full Year

BIG Ideas:

Students are apt to become lifelong readers if they are given opportunities to read popular literature independently and discuss their impressions with others.

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Assessment	Teacher Resources	Standards
Reading comprehension	Read and interpret popular fiction & classic novels	Formal assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-reading • Reading response • Essays • Quizzes • Tests • Literature circles Informal assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion 	Assigned novels including bestsellers from yesteryear and current ones. Yesteryear: Cold Sassy Creek The Firm The Stand Johnny Got His Gun Where the Heart Is Reviving Ophelia Watership Down The DaVinci Code Catcher in the Rye Mrs. Mike The Secret Life of Bees Lightning Ender's Game Current novels, with parents' approval Independent novels, with parent's & teacher's approval	1.1.11.B 1.2.11.A 1.3.11.A 1.3.11.B 1.3.11.C 1.3.11D 1.3.11F 1.4.11.B 1.4.11.C 1.5.11.A 1.5.11C 1.6.11.A 1.6.11.C 1.6.11.D 1.6.11.E R11.A.1.3.1 R11.A.1.3.2 R11.A.1.4.1 R11.A.1.5.1 R11.A.1.6.1 R11.A.1.6.2 R11.A.2.3.1 R11.A.2.3.2 R11.A.2.4.1 R11.A.2.5.1 R11.A.2.6.1 R11.B.2.1.2 R11A.2.6.2 R11.B.2.2.1 R11.B.1.1.1 R11.B.2.2.2 R11.B.1.2.1 R11.B.3.1.1 R11.B.2.1.1

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Analysis of literature and related films	<p>Analyze novel for key elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characterization • Theme • Plot • Historical & cultural trends • Narrative • Point of view <p>Compare and contrast authors' techniques and/or styles</p> <p>Compare and contrast film adaptations with novels.</p>	<p>Formal assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-reading • Reading response • Essays • Quizzes • Tests • Literature circles <p>Informal assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion 	<p>Assigned novels including bestsellers from yesteryear and current ones.</p> <p>Yesteryear:</p> <p>Cold Sassy Creek The Firm The Stand Johnny Got His Gun Where the Heart Is Reviving Ophelia Watership Down The DaVinci Code Catcher in the Rye Mrs. Mike The Secret Life of Bees Lightning Ender's Game</p> <p>Current novels, with parents' approval</p> <p>Independent novels, with parent's & teacher's approval</p>	<p>1.1.11.B 1.2.11.A 1.2.11B 1.3.11.A 1.3.11.B 1.3.11.C 1.3.11D 1.3.11F 1.4.11.B 1.4.11.C 1.5.11.A 1.5.11C 1.6.11.A 1.6.11.C 1.6.11.D 1.6.11.E R11.A.1.3.1 R11.B.2.1.1 R11.A.1.3.2 R11.B.2.1.2 R11.A.1.4.1 R11.B.2.2.1 R11.A.1.5.1 R11.B.2.2.2 R11.A.1.6.1 R11.B.3.1. R11.A.1.6.2 R11.B.2.1.1 R11.B.1.2.1 R11.B.2.1.2 R11.A.2.3.1 R11.B.2.2. R11.A.2.3.2 R11.B.2.2 R11.A.2.4.1 R11.A.2.5.1 R11.A.2.6.1 R11A.2.6.2 R11.B.1.1.1</p>

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Develop an appreciation for literature	Independent reading	Formal assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written or oral reviews • Student-created tests Informal assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion 	Assigned novels including bestsellers from yesteryear and current ones. Yesteryear: Cold Sassy Creek The Firm The Stand Johnny Got His Gun Where the Heart Is Reviving Ophelia Watership Down The DaVinci Code Catcher in the Rye Mrs. Mike The Secret Life of Bees Lightning Ender's Game Current novels, with parents' approval Independent novels, with parent's & teacher's approval	1.1.11.A 1.6.11.A 1.6.11.C 1.6.11.D 1.6.11.E

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Learn to use resources to make intelligent decisions When choosing books.	Independent reading Oral presentation of critical review	Formal assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written or oral reviews • Vocabulary journal • Student-created tests Informal assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion 	Assigned novels including bestsellers from yesteryear and current ones. Yesteryear: Cold Sassy Creek The Firm The Stand Johnny Got His Gun Where the Heart Is Reviving Ophelia Watership Down The DaVinci Code Catcher in the Rye Mrs. Mike The Secret Life of Bees Lightning Ender's Game Current novels, with parents' approval Independent novels, with parent's & teacher's approval	1.1.11.A 1.2.11A 1.3.11.A 1.3.11.F

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