

Eng Add-on course

Explore English through the Lens of world classics

Objective:

To develop comprehension, vocabulary, and analytical skills in undergraduate students by introducing them to simplified versions of key literary works.

Module 1

Introduction to Fables and Moral Lessons

Source: Aesop's Fables.

Focus:

- ✓ Simple stories with clear morals.
- ✓ Build foundational vocabulary through context.
- ✓ Discuss moral lessons and their modern relevance.

Activity:

- Read and analyze two or three fables like "The Fox and the Grapes" and "The Lion and the Mouse."
- Students re-tell the moral, wisdom, consequence, clever, honest.

Module 2

Heroic Adventures and Myths

Source: Homer's Odyssey (Simplified Version).

Focus:

- ✓ Explore the concept of heroism and adventure.
- ✓ Teach narrative structure (introduction, conflict, resolution).

Activity:

- Discuss the journey of Odysseus with a focus on a few key episodes (Cyclops, Sirens).
- Students create a simple visual timeline of Odysseus's journey.

Module 3

Royalty, Betrayal, and Family Drama

Source: King Lear (Simplified Version).

Focus:

- ✓ Explore family relationships and power struggles.
- ✓ Teach the importance of dialogue in understanding characters.

Activity:

- Role-play key scenes, focusing on family betrayal and emotions.
- Discuss key themes such as loyalty, power, and madness.

Module 4

Tales of Wonder and Magic

Source: One Thousand and One Nights (Selected Stories).

Focus:

- ✓ Explore magical elements and storytelling techniques.
- ✓ Teach the significance of cultural diversity in literature.

Activity:

- Read and discuss Aladdin or Ali Baba.
- Create a story map showing the key elements (characters, setting, plot, conflict, resolution).

Module 5

The Adventures of a Deluded Hero

Source: Don Quixote (Simplified Excerpts).

Focus:

- ✓ Understand the difference between reality and fantasy.
- ✓ Learn about humour and satire.

Activity:

- Discuss the character of Don Quixote and his delusions of heroism.
- Group discussion on how the novel satirizes chivalry and heroism.

Module 6

Love, Pride, and Prejudice

Source: Pride and Prejudice (Simplified Version).

Focus:

- ✓ Explore themes of love, class, and social expectations.
- ✓ Focus on character interactions and how misunderstandings shape relationships.

Activity:

- Read key conversations between Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy.
- Write short character descriptions based on their personalities and actions.

Module 7

Fairy Tales and Transformations

Source: Cinderella.

Focus:

- ✓ Discuss themes of kindness, transformation, and justice.
- ✓ Compare different versions of Cinderella from various cultures.

Activity:

- Students retell the story from a different character's perspective (e.g., the fairy godmother).
- Compare the Western version with another cultural version of the story.

Review and Final Reflection

Focus:

- ✓ Consolidate vocabulary and key themes from all the texts.
- ✓ Encourage personal reflection on the lessons learned from each story.

Activity:

- Group presentations on favourite texts.
- Final quiz covering key vocabulary, plot points, and themes.

Assessment:

- ✚ Daily vocabulary quizzes.
- ✚ Short written summaries of texts.
- ✚ Group discussions and presentations.
- ✚ End-of-module comprehension quiz.

This course will allow students to explore a range of literary styles and themes while improving their language comprehension in an engaging way.