

USING NONFICTION TO MOTIVATE READING AND WRITING, K-12

Syllabus

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CREDIT HOURS:

Three Semester Hours

PREREQUISITES:

A baccalaureate degree is required for graduate level courses.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Explore the world of nonfiction and how you can use nonfiction in your classroom to motivate student's reading and writing. Discover resources for finding well-crafted nonfiction. Choose nonfiction books, magazines, and Internet sites to read. Document forty-five hours of reading through writing a practical and useful reading log. Create lists of nonfiction titles for read-alouds, text sets, paired texts, mentor texts, and classroom application.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The student will explore:

- Why read nonfiction?
- Explore motivation for reading nonfiction.
- What is nonfiction?
- Look at classification systems—Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress.
- Choose quality nonfiction.
- Review resources for finding well-crafted nonfiction.
- Review nonfiction book awards.
- Explore nonfiction genres.
- Plan what to read.
- Review some nonfiction authors.
- Design a practical and useful reading log.
- Create curriculum applications.
- Create text sets.
- Create a list of read-alouds.

- Prepare nonfiction book talks.
- Create a list of paired texts.
- Create a list of mentor texts.
- Written reflection and evaluation of course process.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students in this course will read and work through the workbook as directed by the study guide. Each participant will be expected to read forty-five hours of nonfiction and keep a reading log. You will choose four of the thirteen activities for classroom application and complete the assignment as directed. And, for your final exam you will write a short paper of reflection and evaluation of learning.

COURSE MATERIALS:

Required Textbook:

Goiran-Bevelhimer, Anne. *Using Nonfiction to Motivate Reading and Writing, K-12 Workbook*. (This workbook is available through Extended Studies.)

GRADE DISTRIBUTION AND SCALE:

In alignment with ASC academic policies, no D may apply to a major or minor field.

Grade Distribution:

Workbook Exercises	40 points
Nonfiction Reading and Log	100 points
Classroom Application Activities	40 points
Final Exam Paper	<u>20 points</u>
Total Points	200

Scale:

180-200 pts	90-100%	A
160-179 pts	80-89%	B
140-159 pts	70-79%	C
120-139 pts	60-69%	D
119 -0 pts	59% and below	F

COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the workbook, *Using Nonfiction to Motivate Reading and Writing, K-12* (referred to as *Using Nonfiction* in the study guide). The student will complete the assignments in the *Using Nonfiction to Motivate Reading and Writing, K-12 Workbook* by Dr. Anne F. Goiran-Bevelhimer using this study guide to direct your work. Return the complete workbook to the instructor. The graded workbook will be returned to you. If you are e-mailing your responses, please be sure to clearly mark each assignment with page number and heading of the exercise. 40 points
2. Read forty-five hours of nonfiction. Document your reading in a Reading Log. Reading logs will include at minimum the following information: title, author, and brief note about the usefulness of the nonfiction reading to you. 100 points.
3. Choose four of the thirteen activities in Part C: Classroom Applications to complete. Each activity is worth 10 points, 40 points total.
4. Final Exam one- to two-page paper: Reflection and Evaluation of Learning. 20 points.

Task	Points Value	Your Tally
Workbook	40	
Reading Log	100	
Curriculum Applications		
Activity	10	
Activity	10	
Activity	10	
Activity	10	
Final Exam Paper	20	

**Send all your work by mail or e-mail to:
Dr. Anne Goiran-Bevelhimer
Please see syllabus for contact information.**

Note: Web sites are constantly changing and you may find that some have moved or are simply no longer available; contact your instructor with any questions.

ADA Statement:

Students who need special accommodation to complete this class should contact the instructor and the Office of Student Affairs, 719.587.7221 as soon as possible.