

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Special Topics: Book Clubs and Community Reading**

Course Number and Section:

ENGLISH

3913F 550

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Course Description:

In this course, students will create the “Readers with Heart” Huron Book Club and analyze book clubs as a social and literary phenomenon. Learners will also investigate community reading programs such as the “OneRead” and will analyze collective reading practices including the Canada Reads competition and its role in a nationalist project.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Create, facilitate, and participate in a book club for the Huron community
2. Attend a book club in the community and analyze their experience
3. Understand and apply the basic rules of writing mechanics in written projects
4. Analyze and compare literary and cultural texts orally and in writing
5. Respond to and review a live theatrical production
6. Engage in research to complete an academic project
7. Work collaboratively to achieve a mutual goal
8. Demonstrate the principles of academic integrity in course assignments

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Mark Sakamoto, Forgiveness, \$21.99 + tax

Robin Wall Kimmerer, The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World, \$25.99 + tax

Fredrik Backman, My Friends, \$18.99 + tax

Toni Morrison, Sula, \$22.00 + tax

Student vote text: approx. \$25.99 + tax

*Look for used copies and library copies freely available.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation		15%
In-class theatre response	Wednesday, October 1st	15%
Book Club Group Project	Various	25%
Book Club Report	Various	15%
Final Exam		30%

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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