## LIS 693 Young Voices in Times of War: Literature for Children and Young Adults

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## **Course Description:**

During times of war, children and teens are forced to grow up more quickly than they would during times of peace. Many will have to make difficult choices and face adult issues. This course will focus on stories told through the unique voices of children and young adults who happened to grow up while the world they knew around them was radically changing. When contemporary children and teens read about the impact war has on fictional characters (especially those of similar ages) as well as the true stories of people who grew up in the midst of war, they will inevitably form a literary relationship with and develop empathy for the characters they read about. By humanizing "the other" through reading, we can hope to instill in upcoming generations the importance of cultural understanding and the necessity of teaching peace in an increasingly globalized world.

This course will explore the literature of juveniles and young adults through historical fiction, memoirs, biographies, and nonfiction books; guest speakers; site visitations; and a variety of media.

My own preference has always been to provide the children in my care with weapons to fight the evil. Those weapons are ethics and values and information.

--Pg 125. Virginia A. Walter from War and Peace: A Guide to Literature and New Media, Grades 4-8.

## Prerequisites: None.

## **ALA Core Competencies Addressed:**

- **Resource Building**: Creation, evaluation, selection of collections of information; storing, preserving, and conserving information.
- **Knowledge Dissemination—Service:** Concepts, principles, and techniques that facilitate information access for users, interaction with users to provide consultation or guidance in use of information resources, assessment of user needs, diversity in user needs.
- 9) Social, Historical, and Cultural Context: Concepts and knowledge regarding the socio-historical development of libraries print culture, and information sciences; preservation of cultural resources; international dimensions of librarianship, information technology and policy, and social and cultural issues, including the interplay between library and information science and the cultures of Hawaii, the Pacific region and Asia.

## **Program Learning Objectives:**

- Demonstrate an understanding of the history, philosophy, principles, policies, and ethics of library and information science and technology.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the development, organization, and communication of knowledge.
- Apply basic competencies and knowledge that are essential for providing, managing, and designing information services and programs in a variety of information environments.
- Demonstrate theoretical understanding of and basic competencies in evaluating, selecting, and organizing information sources.
- Demonstrate theoretical understanding of and basic competencies in storage, retrieval, dissemination, utilization and evaluation of information.

• Demonstrate the professional attitudes and the interpersonal and interdisciplinary skills needed to communicate and collaborate with colleagues and information users.

## **Course Objectives:**

Students who complete this course will:

- Be exposed to and critically analyze juvenile and young adult literature including highly recommended and sometimes controversial books regarding war.
- Identify outstanding authors of juvenile and young adult literature concerning children and young adults and issues relating to war.
- Understand the selection criteria for print and nonprint materials appropriate for juvenile and young adult
  collections, what constitutes excellence in various genres, and how to evaluate literature for juvenile and
  young adults.
- Know how to access reviews and professional literature about books and media for children and young adults.
- Provide guidance and reader's advisory to age-appropriate materials that reflect sensitivity to the difficult subject of children, teens, and war.

## **Teaching method:**

Includes reading a variety of material, written assignments, lectures, videos, speakers, small group and teamwork, discussions, booktalks, and presentations.

### Research Methods:

**5) Content Analysis**: a standard methodology in the social sciences and humanities that entails a systematic analysis of the content rather than the structure of any communication, such as a written work, speech, or film, including the study of thematic and symbolic elements to determine the objective or meaning of the communication.

## **Professional Expectations:**

All students in the Program are expected to become familiar with and adhere to the Professional Expectations posted at <a href="http://www.hawaii.edu/slis/students/profexp.html">http://www.hawaii.edu/slis/students/profexp.html</a>. A complete list of Professional Expectations is provided at the end of this syllabus.

The instructor as Adjunct Faculty is not on campus full time and so **cannot accept Incompletes (INC)** for this course. **All work must be completed on time as posted on the attached course schedule.** Attendance is CRITICAL. Excused absences are absences in which I am notified through e-mail or by phone call prior to the class session. An unexcused absence will result in the automatic drop in a letter grade. *Communication with me for your absence is your responsibility.* 

Please silence your cell phones during class as a courtesy to your instructor and your classmates.

## **Course Assignments and Grading**

Percentage of Grade	Assignments
5%	Class Participation: In-class preparation and discussion.
20%	4 Literature Circles (5% each)
5%	Assignment #1: Personal Reflection
10%	Assignment #2: Number the Stars
10%	Assignment #3: Barefoot Gen/Grave of the Fireflies
10%	Assignment #4: Boy at War and Under the Blood Red Sun
5%	Assignment #5: Paper Clips
20%	Assignment #6: Author Paper and Presentation (10% each)

15%	Assignment #7: Final Paper
100%	TOTAL

## Letter grades for the Course:

A+	100-98	В	86-83	C-	72-70
Α	97-94	B-	82-80	D+	69-67
A-	93-90	C+	79-77	D	66-63
B+	89-87	С	76-73	D-	62-60

## **Required Texts:**

Walter, Virginia A. (2007). *War and Peace: A Guide to Literature and New Media, Grades 4-8*. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited. (Available at the UH Manoa Bookstore).

Aronson, Marc and Patti Campbell, eds. (2008). War Is...Soldiers, Survivors, and Storytellers Talk About War. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press. (You must purchase this title from your favorite bookseller/it will not be available through the UH Manoa Bookstore due to its recent publication date).

## Books the class will read together:

Coerr, Eleanor. (1993). Sadako. New York: Putnam.

Coerr, Eleanor. (1977). Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. New York: Putnam.

Lowry, Lois. (1989). Number the Stars. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co.

Mazer, Harry. (2001). Boy At War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor. New York: Simon & Schuster Book for Young Readers.

Nakazawa, Keiji. (2004). Barefoot Gen: A Cartoon Story of Hiroshima. San Francisco, CA: Last Gasp of San Francisco.

Salisbury, Graham. (1994). *Under the Blood Red Sun*. New York: Delacorte Press.

Satrapi, Marjane. (2003). *Persepolis: Story of a Childhood*. New York: Pantheon.

You may choose to purchase the above book titles from your favorite bookseller if you wish (i.e., they will not be made available through the UH Bookstore). The books for the assignments are available in multiple copies from the Hawaii State Public Library System for a three-week loan period and will be required for the assignments in this course. Shared titles for this course have been selected with the understanding that each student will be able to reserve copies throughout HSPLS with little difficulty.

Other reading will be distributed on the first day of class.

## **Technology Requirements:**

In this course, you will be expected to be able to communicate with the instructor and your classmates using your hawaii.edu e-mail account, have access to the internet to search for information online, produce reports on either a Mac or PC word processing program, create presentations using Powerpoint or another presentation application, and use various databases including library online catalogs for the University of Hawaii and for the Hawaii State Public Library System.

Note: If you need reasonable accommodations because of the impact of a disability, please: [1] contact the Kokua Program (V/T) at 956-7511 or 956-7612 in room 013 of the Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services; [2] speak with me privately to discuss your specific needs. I will be happy to work with you and the KOKUA Program to meet your access needs related to your documented disability.

# \*Class schedule is subject to change

Session	Readings and Assignments
Day 1Wednesday January 14	
Introductions	
Overview of course and assignments	
DVD: Devil's Arithmetic (97 minutes)	
Day 2Wednesday January 21  Class discussion on readings	War and Peace: Read Introduction and Part 1 – The Right Book for the Right Child at the Right Time pgs. vii-25 and Overview and War as History pgs. 29-60Pick a passage to discuss. Take notes, bring to class for discussion.
	War IsSoldiers, Survivors, and Storytellers Talk About War: Read "What I Believe About War" section pages 1-10.
	Due Assignment #1
Day 3Wednesday January 28	War and Peace: Read Hope and Glory pgs 61-92
Literature Circle #1	War IsSoldiers, Survivors, and Storytellers Talk About War: Read "Deciding About War" section pages 13-26.
Class discussion on readings	Read your selected book for Literature Circle #1
Day 4Wednesday February 4	War IsSoldiers, Survivors, and Storytellers Talk About War: Read "Deciding About War" section pages 27-52.
Class discussion on readings	War IsSoldiers, Survivors, and Storytellers Talk About War: Read "Experiencing War" section pages 55-75.
	Read your selected book for Literature Circle #2
Day 5Wednesday February 11	War and Peace: Read The Consequences of War pgs 93-122
Class discussion on Assignment #2 and readings	Due Assignment #2
Day 6Wednesday February 18	War and Peace: Read The Horrors of War pgs 123-148
Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during WWII	War IsSoldiers, Survivors, and Storytellers Talk About War: Read "A Survivor's Tale" pages 148-152.
DVD Grave of the Fireflies (88 minutes)	Read Barefoot Gen: The Day of the Bomb
Class discussion on readings	Arrange for meetings. Next week is the halfway point of the semester.

Session	Readings and Assignments
Day 7Wednesday February 25	Independent work day. This week we will have short, individualized meetings to discuss your ideas for your final project. <b>No class</b> meeting this week.
	Use this week to visit the Arizona Memorial.
	Read Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor
Day 8Wednesday March 4	DUE: Assignment # 3
Discuss Arizona Memorial fieldtrip	Read Under the Blood Red Sun by Graham Salisbury
Literature Circle #2	
Guest speaker Dr. Warren Nishimoto from the UH Manoa Center for Oral History: Hawaii as a sense of place in during WWII. (Pending)	
Day 9Wednesday March 11	DUE: Assignment #4
Guest Speaker: Kathy Kawaguchi to speak about the Honouliuli Camp Project. (Date pending).	Read your selected book for Literature Circle #3
Literature Circle #3	
Day 10Wednesday March 18	War and Peace: Read The American Home Front pgs 149-164
Japanese Internment Camps  Guest Speaker: Dr. Andrew Wertheimer: U.S. Internment camps: History, Literature and Criticism	* Japanese Internment Camps article  * Section from V is for Victory
Wednesday March 25	SPRING BREAK!
Day 11Wednesday April 1  Class discussion on readings	War and Peace: Read Peace and Alternatives to War pgs 165-180
The Holocaust	*Background paper on the Holocaust. *Timeline from Voices of the Shoah
DVD Paper Clips (84 minutes)  Day 12—Wednesday April 8	DUE: Assignment #5
Literature Circle #4	Read both Sadako books for Literature Circle #4.
	*Children's Statue for Peace Memorial

Session	Readings and Assignments
Day 13—Wednesday April 15  DVD Persepolis (1/2 only 45 minutes)  Class discussion: What can reading about people from a "foreign" culture teach us? How does having a Middle Eastern protagonist possibly change preconceived thoughts for the reader?	Read Persepolis: Story of a Childhood. Take down notes of your impressions while reading the graphic novel and point out a section that was most poignant to you. We will watch part of the DVD together. Take notes to compare what you read vs. what you saw on screen.
Day 14Wednesday April 22	DUE Assignment #6: Author Presentations
Guest Speaker Sarah Young Park: Korean and Asian Children's Literature (pending).	War IsSoldiers, Survivors, and Storytellers Talk About War: Read "Memories of Vietnam" and "Letters from Vietnam" pages 76-99.  *Arn Chorn
Day 15Wednesday April 29  Discussion about 9/11 and what this means to the identity of America and our current and future relationships with the world.	DUE Assignment #6: Author Presentations continued War and Peace: Read Bringing it All Together: Two Case Studies. pgs 181-204.  War IsSoldiers, Survivors, and Storytellers Talk About War: Read "Women at War," "Wordsmith at War," and "In Order to See Beauty in Life, I Had to See Hell" pages 101-147.
Day 16Wednesday May 6	War IsSoldiers, Survivors, and Storytellers Talk About War: Read
Last Class	The Aftermath of War section from pages 155-194.  War and Peace: Read Children and War, Children and
Evaluations	Peace/Children's Literature About War and Peace pgs 211-224  *Quotes from Peace (Alloy Book)
	DUE Assignment #7: Final Paper

## **Guidelines for Assignments:**

Discussion for class reading assignments: For each class session, prepare for discussion by picking a quote or passage from your readings that made an impact on you, made you think about things in a different light, or held some truth for you.

Assignments should be typed, single-spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins, paginated. Turn in assignments at the beginning of class and bring an extra copy for yourself to use for class discussion.

Assignment #1	Read War and Peace "Introduction and Part 1 – The Right Book for the Right Child at the Right Time pgs. vii-25." Write down three quotes from the readings or from the class
2-3 pages	discussion and give your reflections.
Assignment #2 2-4 pages	Read Number the Stars by Lois Lowry. Author Virginia A. Walter writes that the students of her UCLA class read this Newbery Award-winning book when they were in grade school. For many it was their first exposure to the Holocaust and had been the catalyst for them to seek
	out more about this particular historical event.  Examine and discuss the development of several characters in terms of the ideas presented in the <i>War and Peace</i> text chapter "The Consequences of War." Why do you think this book has made such an impact on young readers?
Assignment #3	Read Barefoot Gen/Watch Grave of the Fireflies. Choose themes from the chapter "The Horrors of War" from the War and Peace text. How do these two stories of the same event
2-4 pages	reflect "The Horrors of War?" What images were most poignant to you and why?
Assignment #4	Read Boy At War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor and Under the Blood Red Sun.
	Both of these titles have been chosen by the children of Hawaii as the winners of the Nene
2-4 pages	Award: Boy at War in 2007 and Under the Blood Red Sun in 1998.
	Incorporate what you learned from Dr. Nishimoto's talk about Hawaii as a "sense of place"
	during WWII and your experience visiting the Arizona Memorial site to discuss how these two novels have left their impression on Hawaii's readers. What do you think are some
	reasons why these books have connected with Hawaii readers?
Assignment #5	View DVD Paper Clips.
	Discuss what this groundbreaking project teaches about diversity and tolerance. Why are
2-3 pages	these ideas important to share with children and young adults? What was the most
	interesting thing that you learned from watching this DVD? Use ideas presented in the <i>War</i> and <i>Peace</i> text chapter "Peace and Alternatives to War" and other readings to support your
	writing.
Assignment #6	Author Talk *See below
Assignment #7	Final Paper: 5-7 pages *See below

## **Assignment #6: Author Talk**

Prepare a 15-20 minute booktalk and presentation which includes information on the author's life, influences, and at least two of his or her books (Juvenile or YA Fiction/Non Fiction). You may choose to work with a partner.

Prepare a one-page handout (double-sided is OK but not mandatory). Please bring a copy for each person in the **class** on the day of your presentation.

## Include:

- 1) Author's name
- 2) Sources of biographical material on author
- 3) Bibliographical information on several of his or her books (including publisher and year)
- 4) Bibliographical information on audio-visual materials on the author (if they exist)
- 5) A listing of awards won by the author
- 6) Information on webpages (if they exist).

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James Lincoln Collier	
Robert Cormier	
Deborah Ellis	
Paul Fleishman	
M.E. Kerr	
Harry Mazer	
Walter Dean Myers	
Cynthia Rylant	
Graham Salisbury	
Art Spiegelman	
Gloria Whelan	
Elie Wiesel	
Yoshiko Uchida	
Assignment #7: Final pa	per
You may choose to write	e a paper illustrating the importance of War and Peac

ce in Children's Literature OR focus on a topic of particular interest to you. We will have the opportunity to meet halfway through the semester to discuss your preference.

## **Literature Circles**

Literature circles will be done in-class. You will prepare for each literature circle by reading your assigned book and be ready to discuss it with your group. Also bring one book review (from School Library Journal, VOYA, Publisher's Weekly, Horn Book, etc). for Literature Circles #1, 2, and #3 on your book to share and discuss with your group.

Literature Circle #1: Two or three students per title (also bring a book review/one source per student):

Patrol: An American Soldier in Vietnam by Walter Dean Myers Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco September Roses by Jeanette Winter	<u> </u>
<b>Literature Circle #2:</b> Everyone read a book from the Scholastic America. Two or three students per title <b>(also bring a book re</b>	
Dear America Titles: American Revolution The Winter of Red Snow, The Revolutionary War Dian Love Thy Neighbor, The Tory Diary of Prudence Emerican	
Civil War  A Light in the Storm, The Civil War Diary of Amelia M  When Will This Cruel War Be Over? The Civil War Dia  I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly, the Diary of Po	ry of Emma Simpson, Gordonsville, Virginia 1864
When Christmas Comes Again, the WWI Diary of Sim	one Spencer, NYC to Western Front, 1917.
World War II  One Eye Laughing, the Other Weeping, the Diary of J.  My Secret War, the WWII Diary of Madeline Beck, Lo Early Sunday Morning, The Pearl Harbor Diary of Am  Vietnam War  Where Have All the Flowers Gone? The Diary of Molly	ng Island, NY 1941. ber Billows, Hawaii, 1941.
My America Titles:  Five Smooth Stones, Hope's Revolutionary War Diary My Brother's Keeper, Virginia's Civil War Diary, Book	
My Name is America Titles:  The Journal of William Thomas Emerson, a Revolutio The Journal of Rufus Rowe, A Witness to the battle of The Journal of James Edmond Pease, A Civil War Unio The Journal of Ben Uchida, Citizen 13559 Mirror Lake The Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins, A World War The Journal of Patrick Seamus Flaherty, United State	f Fredricksburg, Bowling Green, VA 1862. on Soldier, VA 1863. I Internment camp, California, 1942. Il Soldier, Normandy France, 1944.
Literature Circle #3: Two or three students per title (also brin	g a book review/one source per student):
Fiction/Memoir  B is for Buster by lain Lawrence	
Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi by David Chotjewitz  Diary of a Young Girl: The Definitive Edition by Anne Frank	
Don't You Know There's a War On? By Avi	
Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston	
Maus I: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History	
by Art Spiegelman  Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli	
Private Peaceful by Michael Morpugo	
Postcards from No Man's Land by Aiden Chambers	
When My Name was Keoko by Linda Sue Park	

Non Fiction:	
Dear Miss Breed: True Stories of the Japanese American	
Incarceration During World War II and a Librarian Who	
Made a Difference by Joanne Oppenheim	
Remembering Korea: The Korean War Veterans Memorial	
By Brent Ashabrenner	
With Their Eyes: September 11 <sup>th</sup> : The View From a High	
School at Ground Zero ed. By Annie Thomas	

## Literature Circle #4:

Everyone read *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr AND *Sadako* by Eleanor Coerr (illustrated by Ed Young).

## Professional Expectations for Library and Information Science Graduate Students at the University of Hawaii

## [1.0]

LIS graduate students are responsible for observing the highest standards of intellectual and personal honesty in every aspect of their careers at the University of Hawaii. The University's Student Conduct Code represents a zero tolerance policy, the penalties for academic dishonesty are severe and ignorance is not an acceptable defense. Students are required to be familiar with University policies on academic integrity including:

The University of Hawaii Student Conduct Code

http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/students/conduct / and

http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/students/conduct/impermissible behavior.html

The University of Hawaii at Manoa Campus Policies

http://www.catalog.hawaii.edu/about-uh/campus-policies1.htm

## [2 0]

The field of Library and Information promotes ethical conduct of its members through published codes of ethics and standards of conduct. LIS students as pre-professionals are expected to adopt and to enact these standards and codes in their degree work in classes, written assignments, oral presentations, group work, at internship, practicum and fieldwork sites, and in personal, Internet and phone communications related to their LIS studies. Students are required to be familiar with the ethical guidelines of professional associations including but not limited to the following:

## **ALA Code of Ethics**

http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/codeofethics/codeethics.htm

Guidelines for Behavioral Performance of Reference and Information Service Providers <a href="http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaprotools/referenceguide/guidelinesbehavioral.htm">http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaprotools/referenceguide/guidelinesbehavioral.htm</a>

## **ASIST Professional Guidelines**

http://www.asis.org/AboutASIS/professional-guidelines.html

Society of American Archivists Code of Ethics

http://www.archivists.org/governance/handbook/app\_ethics.asp

## [3.0] Principles of Ethical Conduct

[3.1] **Propriety**. Students should maintain high standards of personal conduct in the capacity of identity as a student of the University of Hawaii.

- [3.1] **Competence and Growth**. Students should strive to become proficient in academic performance and professional practice, functions, and activities.
- [3.3] **Development of Knowledge**. Students should take responsibility for identifying, developing, and fully utilizing knowledge for academic assignments and professional practice.
- [3.4] **Scholarship and Research**. Students engaged in study and research should be guided by the conventions of scholarly inquiry and academic integrity. Students must be familiar with an follow the requirements of the course syllabus.
- [3.5] **Service**. Students should regard as primary the service obligation to internship, practicum, fieldwork or community sites, as well as to student professional organizations.
- [3.6] **Confidentiality**. Students should respect the privacy of information users and hold in confidence all information obtained in the course of professional service at practicum, community internship, and fieldwork sites.
- [3.7] **Commitments to Organizations**. Students should adhere to commitments made to practicum, community, internship, and fieldwork sites, as well as to student professional organizations.
- [3.8] **Respect, Fairness, and Courtesy**. Students should treat staff, student colleagues, professional and faculty with respect, courtesy, fairness, and good faith in all communication settings, including online, classrooms, group meetings, internship and fieldwork sites, and faculty and departmental offices.
- [3.9] **Integrity**. Students should act in accordance with the highest standards of professional integrity to uphold and advance the values, ethics, knowledge, and mission of the profession as outlined in professional codes of ethics and standards of conduct.

Approved by the LIS Faculty on 19 March 2007