

***The Wisdom (?) of Children's Literature* Mid-Coast Senior College, Fall 2023**

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***Texts:***

**Kenneth Grahame, *The Wind in the Willows*, ISBN 978-0486407852;**

**Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, *The Little Prince*, ISBN 978-0156012195;**

**E.B. White, *Charlotte's Web*, ISBN 978-0064410939.**

Date	Activity/Readings	Themes	Key Issues
9/13	Meet/Greet Exercise  Background notes, i.e. lecture, (sorry)	Get to know one another  Some course themes	--courses should be dialogues among human beings, not minds.  --Setting a pattern: Giving a reasonable account  - Intelligent discussion is concrete AND abstract
9/20	<b>Kenneth Grahame, <i>The Wind in the Willows</i> pp. 1-92</b>	Who are the characters?  What is the setting?	–friendship  –home  –risk  –responsibility  –hospitality  –temporality

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9/27	<b><i>Wind in the Willows, pp. 92-end</i></b>	Interpersonal relations  'meaning/values'  Differences and the difference they make  Live and let live	–friendship  –home  –risk  –responsibility  –hospitality  –motivation  –awareness  –religion  –temporality  –heinousness
10/04	<b>Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, <i>The Little Prince</i> pp. 1-43</b>	Characters?  Setting?	–friendship  –home  –risk  –responsibility  –hospitality  –motivation  –awareness  –religion  –temporality  –heinousness
Date	Reading(s)	Themes	Key Issues
10/11	<i>The Little Prince, 44-end</i>	Stories	–friendship

		<p>'meaning/values'</p> <p>Differences and the difference they make</p>	<p>–home</p> <p>–risk</p> <p>–responsibility</p> <p>–hospitality</p> <p>–motivation</p> <p>–awareness</p> <p>–religion</p> <p>–temporality</p> <p>–heinousness</p>
10/18	<b>E.B. White, <i>Charlotte's Web</i>, pp.1-91</b>	<p>Characters</p> <p>Setting</p>	<p>–friendship</p> <p>–home</p> <p>–risk</p> <p>–responsibility</p> <p>–hospitality</p> <p>–motivation</p> <p>–awareness</p> <p>–religion</p> <p>–temporality</p> <p>–heinousness</p>
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10/25	<b><i>Charlotte's Web</i>, pp. 92-end</b>	<p>Prioritization of values</p> <p>Care</p>	<p>–friendship</p> <p>–home</p> <p>–risk</p> <p>–responsibility</p> <p>–hospitality</p>

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