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Summer Camp Course Description

A505 Literature Reading & Analytical Essay Writing with Mock Trial

6th-8th Grade

This two-week advanced program consists of text annotation, multi-genre essay writing, grammar evaluation, building vocabulary through critical analysis, and the innovative “Mock Trial” pedagogy. Through our summer camp, students build analytical reading and writing skills, knowledge of common themes and motifs throughout contemporary American literature, and an understanding of the US legal system through a variety of historical and political frameworks.

In our Mock Trial program, students study multiple methods of discernment while investigating underlying themes within contemporary American literature. While receiving guidance from their instructor, students will collaborate with one another to develop their own theories and cases through daily group discussions and writing assignments. Students will study and explore the US court system, as well as the history and laws that animate it. By the end of the camp, students will have a well-developed understanding of not only persuasive writing and literature, but multiple facets of the US legal system.