

Basics of English Literature

Course Description

Basics of English Literature is an introductory course designed to provide a clear understanding of major literary periods, genres, and influential authors. It builds strong foundational knowledge and enhances analytical and interpretative skills.

Course Curriculum

Module 1: Introduction to English Literature

Lesson 1: What is Literature? (20 Minutes)

Meaning, scope, and importance of literature in society.

Lesson 2: Major Literary Genres (25 Minutes)

Poetry, drama, prose, and fiction – features and differences.

Lesson 3: Key Literary Terms and Devices (30 Minutes)

Metaphor, simile, imagery, symbolism, irony, plot, and theme.

Module 2: Old and Middle English Literature

Lesson 4: Old English Literature (30 Minutes)

Historical background and major works like Beowulf.

Lesson 5: Middle English Literature (30 Minutes)

Chaucer and The Canterbury Tales.

Module 3: Renaissance Period

Lesson 6: The Renaissance Age (35 Minutes)

Humanism and literary development.

Lesson 7: Elizabethan Drama and Shakespeare (40 Minutes)

Features of drama and major plays.

Module 4: Romantic and Victorian Period

Lesson 8: Romanticism (35 Minutes)

Nature, imagination, and major romantic poets.

Lesson 9: Victorian Literature (35 Minutes)

Realism and major Victorian novelists.

Module 5: Modern and Postmodern Literature

Lesson 10: Modernism (30 Minutes)

Themes and techniques of modern writers.

Lesson 11: Postmodernism (30 Minutes)
Fragmentation and metafiction.

Final Module

Lesson 12: Literary Criticism and Final Review (40 Minutes)
Critical approaches and course summary.