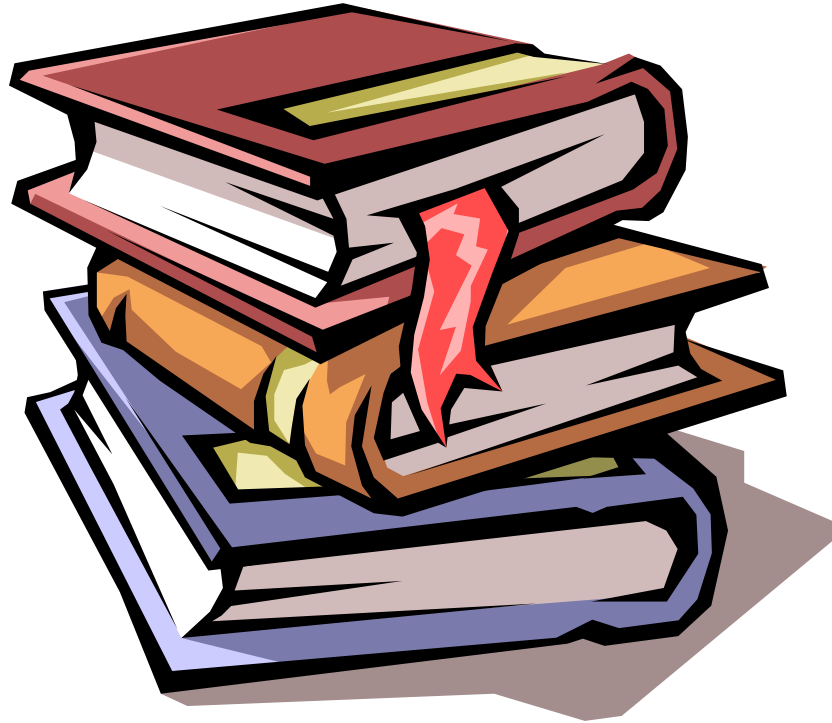


Young Adult Literature and the Classics



Or

I just don't understand it!

Why Classic Literature?

Back to Basic Movements

- Concerns about the quality of education
- Function of school
 - Create citizens
 - “pass on” the culture
 - Produce workers
- E.D. Hirsch *Cultural Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know*
- *Nation at Risk (1984)*

The Anthology

- Prominent place in literature classes
 - Quantity of genres
 - Quantity of examples
 - Quantity of strategies
 - Quantity of projects, writing, questions
- Easier to buy materials for classrooms
- Assumes all 10th grade students are alike

The Chicken or the Egg

- Classic literature is literature that stands the test of time.
- Have they stood the test of time because they are great literature or because they are required reading?



Why Teach Classics?

Or

Up Hill Both Ways

- Because universities want them taught
- Because English teachers like them
- Because there is a sense of guilt if not taught
- Because _____ told teachers to teach them
- Because our moms said so