

Name of the Course:

LISE 3: Main Course and IB (6 – 40 minute lessons)

Objectives:

The Lise 3 MEB and IB English course is designed to integrate the first year International Baccalaureate program into the MEB and IB classes. The year course includes text analysis, writing preparation for IB and IELTS examinations, literary analysis and vocabulary development.

Course Description:

The units covered in the Lise 3 course include a novel unit that is used to extract related IB option and core topics for the purpose of reflection and also utilizing library research skills. Additionally, this unit focuses on literary devices, vocabulary development and working cooperatively in small and large groups. The Human Rights unit focuses on understanding, discussing, analyzing and finding solutions to human rights related issues. Critical thinking skills are utilized in small and large group discussions and the unit culminates in a Human Rights Exhibition. The IELTS examination preparation unit focuses on teaching students the techniques and strategies for successfully completing the exam. There is a focus on preparing students for the two components of the writing section of the exam as well as preparing them for the speaking, reading and listening sections. There is intense individual oral practice to help closely simulate the actual testing environment. The *Macbeth* unit focuses on reading, interpreting and analyzing the play and provides students with many opportunities to use the language in drama activities, pair and group activities. Additionally, students will also be expected to identify and interpret passages from the play and be expected to identify and discuss examples of figurative language in the play. The culminating activity for this unit is a group presentation where students are required to offer a unique interpretation of the play through the use of memorized and recited lines. Finally, the course offers students opportunities to respond to literature and course topics through journal writing and to constantly be expected to apply critical thinking skills to the course topics and literature.

Books and Resources:

- Short story booklet (includes a variety of short stories)
- *Macbeth* William Shakespeare
- *Nineteen-Eighty Four* George Orwell (IB)
- *Animal Farm* George Orwell (Main)
- IELTS preparation materials

Assessment:

Students are assessed through a variety of methods. Daily assessment is based on class participation, contribution to class discussions and completion of homework. More periodic assessment includes vocabulary quizzes, written exams, oral presentations (individual and group), journal writing and the use of research skills. The IELTS external examination is also used as an assessment.

