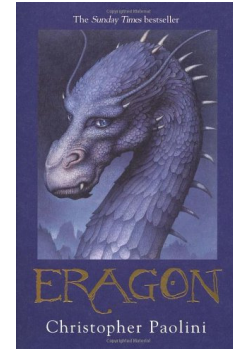


**COURSE TITLE:** CP Literary Experience (**Grade 9**)

**CHOICE TEXT:** *Eragon (Inheritance, Book 1)*

**AUTHOR:** Christopher Paolini

**GENRE:** Fantasy



**SUMMARY:** Eragon, a young farm boy, finds a marvelous blue stone in a mystical mountain place. Before he can trade it for food to get his family through the hard winter, it hatches a beautiful sapphire-blue dragon, a race thought to be extinct. Eragon bonds with the dragon, and when his family is killed by the marauding Ra'zac, he discovers that he is the last of the Dragon Riders. He is fated to play a decisive part in the coming war between the human but hidden Varden, dwarves, elves, the diabolical Shades and their neanderthal Urgalls, all pitted against and allied with each other and the evil King Galbatorix. Eragon and his dragon, Saphira, set out to find their role, growing in magic power and understanding of the complex political situation as they endure perilous travels, sudden battles, dire wounds, capture and escape. (Editorial Review from Amazon.com)

**Please note:** There are maps and glossaries to help readers keep track of the many unusual (pseudo-Celtic) names of people and places as well as magic terms that appear in the story.

**REQUIRED STUDENT RESPONSE (DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL):**

Identify elements of characterization, plot, and ethical values in the novel. (See link for Ridge Code of Ethics). As you read, you should take notes or annotate (see Annotate link):

- in a notebook
- using post-its
- in the margins (if you own the book)