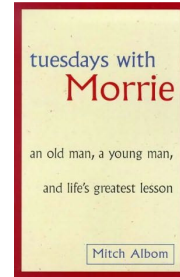


COURSE TITLE: Contemporary Literature (**grade 12**)

OPTIONAL TEXT: *Tuesdays with Morrie*

AUTHOR: Mitch Albom

GENRE: Memoir



SUMMARY: This inspirational, true story is a personal account of a journey; a journey of re-awakening to what is most sacred and precious in life. Mitch Albom, like many people today, finds himself wrapped up in a fast paced lifestyle. He has lost touch with himself, and as a result feels unfulfilled and bereft of any real emotion. Fate leads him to become reunited with his old college teacher and friend Morrie who is suffering from a debilitating and fatal disease. The wisdom and love that Morrie imparts to Mitch during their meetings will help lead Mitch back to himself, and the reader on a journey of great insight and hope.

REQUIRED STUDENT ASSIGNMENT (DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL):

Select a work of art or photography that complements the text's point(s) of view, characters, themes, and/or symbols. Consult sources of your own choice, or utilize Mark Harden's Artchive at www.artchive.com to locate material. Bring a copy of your artwork to class on the first day of school, along with a typed t-chart delineating six to ten connections between the artwork and the text to present and discuss during literature circle sessions.