INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE ENG 200 Online Spring, 2015

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Required

Course Prerequisite: ENG 100.

Catalog description:

Introductory study of fiction, poetry, and drama demonstrating techniques by which literary artists reflect human experience. Substantial student writing about literature will

be required.

English 200 fulfills the B.1 (Humanities/Literature) general education requirement. The course will help students attain these general education objectives: (1) proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking; and (2) an informed acquaintance with major achievements in the arts and humanities.

Texts and Miscellany (other stuff)

• Kennedy, X. J., and Dana Gioia. *Literature: An Introduction to Fiction, Poetry, Drama,* and Writing. 11th/12th ed. Longman. Print. ISBN: 0205698816 (Please note that all page numbers in the Blackboard assignments are keyed to these specific editions. You need these editions for these page numbers, the 11th Edition. You can, however, buy another edition. Other editions (9th and 10th) will be cheaper, but they are an aggravation for you because you will have to figure out what the

assignment is for the pages in your edition. I will try to help, but be reasonable. There is only so much that I can do. I will provide as much of the material as I can as needed. You will not need the texts for the first week of assignments.)

- Edson, Margaret. W;T, Faber, 1999. Print. ISBN 0-571-19877-5
- Offutt, Chris. *Kentucky Straight: Stories*. 1st ed. Vintage, 1992. Print. ISBN: 067973886X
- A graphic novel to be named later. If you have suggestions here, I am happy to consider them. Please.
- Print all drafts of required papers, and do not throw away ANYTHING until after the end of the semester.
- Participate in Google + Community. Here is a good set of instructions for joining the G+: <u>http://blog.nwp.org/clmooc/guide/getting-started-with-g-community/</u>

Textbook Companion Website (Optional): http://wps.ablongman.com/long_kennedy_lfpd_9

Assignments and Written Work:

- 1. Readings from various texts
- 2. Exams and quizzes
 - a. Exam 1:100 points (covers readings through first third of course)
 - b. Exam 2:100 points (covers readings since Exam 1)
 - c. Final Exam:100 points (covers entire course, with extra weight on readings since Exam 2).
 - d. Various Quizzes:120 points.
- 3. One Explication Paper: 300 points
- 4. Annotating a short story/ scene:80 points
- 5. Participation: 600 points (response journals, discussion questions, outside "elements" brought into discussion boards if Bb is used.)
- 6. Creative pieces (three): 300 points (100 points each)
- 8. Google + Community: 100 points

Total Points (approximately): 1600

Make-Up/Late Work:

I have never had a written policy on make-up/late work, but it appears I am now required to have one. I am of the mind that if it is worth turning in then it is worth turning in late. Best advice? If you know you are going to be late, email me.

Here is a short poll where you can weigh in on this issue: <u>https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dFhKV3p2SFZMUnJKU0FJeDkycy1IN3c6MQ</u>

Integrity (aka plagiarism...):

Most professors use this section of a syllabus as a way to lay down standard boilerplate, feardoctrine. My problem is that most research says that these are not good conditions for longterm learning. High schools pull the same trick when they address cyber-bullying not digital citizenship. Instead, I would like to emphasize integrity. I wish we had a formal honor code here at Western that each learner had to sign. Alas, we do not. I recommend that you download this University of Saskatchewan pdf and make it your honor code. Here is the gist of it:

- Perform your own work unless specifically instructed otherwise.
- Check with your instructor about whether collaboration or assistance from others is permitted.
- Use your own work to complete assignments and exams.
- Cite the source when quoting or paraphrasing someone else's work.
- Discuss with your professor if you have any questions about whether sources require citation.
- Follow examination rules.
- Discuss with your professor if you are using the same material for assignments in two different courses.
- Be truthful on all university forms.
- Use the same standard of honesty with fellow students, lab instructors, teaching assistants, instructors and administrative staff as you do with faculty.

("University of Saskatchewan Office of the University Secretary - Student Conduct & Appeals." *Honesty*. Web. 19 Aug. 2010.)

Writing Center

A source of assistance is the Writing Center, located in CH 124. Tutors will help you with mechanical problems (e.g., sentence fragments, comma splices, or apostrophes) and/or the writing process, such as thesis development, paragraph unity, organization, or transitions. When

applicable, bring the assignment and your draft in with you. Remember, though, the Writing Center is NOT a proofreading service.

Computers and printing are available in CH 127. Hours TBA. Bring your own flash drive.

Course Aims and Organization

These are the essential questions which will guide our time together:

- How is our understanding of culture and society constructed through and by language?
- How can language be powerful?
- How can you use language to empower yourself?
- How is language used to manipulate us?
- In what ways are language and power inseparable?
- Is it possible to have culture without language?
- Is it possible to think without language?
- How does language influence the way we think, act, and perceive the world?
- How do authors use the resources of language to impact an audience?
- How is literature like life?
- What is literature supposed to do?
- What influences a writer to create?
- What is the purpose and function of art in our culture?
- How does literature reveal the values of a given culture or time period?
- How does the study of fiction and nonfiction texts help individuals construct their understanding of reality?
- In what ways are all narratives influenced by bias and perspective?
- Where does the meaning of a text reside? Within the text, within the reader, or in the transaction that occurs between them?
- Can a reader infer an author's intentions based on the text?
- What are enduring questions and conflicts that writers (and their cultures) grappled with hundreds of years ago and are still relevant today?
- How do we gauge the optimism or pessimism (its 'zeitgeist') of a particular time period or particular group of writers?
- Are there universal themes in literature that are of interest or concern to all cultures and societies?
- What are the characteristics or elements that cause a piece of literature to endure?
- What distinguishes a good read from great literature?
- Who decides the criteria for judging whether or not a book is any good?
- What is the purpose of: science fiction? satire? historical novels, etc.?
- And, of course, your own questions.

And Now a Word from Our Sponsors--the English Department

Goals and Objectives

This course examines representative works in the major genres of literature (poetry, fiction, and drama), with attention to different time periods, cultures, and diversity. Through class discussions and through reading and writing assignments, students will question, think, and write critically about literature. The aim of the course is to introduce students to the concepts and methodologies essential to the analysis and appreciation of a significant body of work.

More specifically, students will have learned to do the following by the time they leave this course:

- Make confident use of his or her own writing processes.
- Work comfortably in a collaborative setting, both with their own texts and with those of other students.
- Read college-level essays and literature in several genres and comment critically in writing and in class discussion on their meaning and structure.
- Use research strategies for specialized assignments.
- Exhibit confidence in reading, discussing, and writing about literature.

Resolving Complaints about Grades

Any student who takes issue with a grade or another aspect of a course is should first speak with the instructor. If the student and instructor cannot resolve the issue, the student may refer the matter to the Director of Composition, who will assist the instructor and the student in reaching a resolution. If either party is dissatisfied with the outcome at that level, the matter may be appealed to the Department Head. The Student Handbook (available online at http://www.wku.edu/handbook/2009/) outlines procedures for appeals beyond that level.

ADA Notice

Students with disabilities who require accommodations (academic and/or auxiliary aids

or services) for this course must contact the Office for Student Disability Services, Room A200, Downing University Center. The OFSDS telephone number is (270) 745-5004 V/TDD. Please do not request accommodations directly from the instructor without a letter of accommodation from the Office for Student Disability Services.

Program Assessment Notice

As part of a university-wide accreditation study, a small sample of papers will be collected from randomly selected individuals in all ENG 100 classes this semester. The papers will be examined anonymously as part of a program assessment; results will have no bearing on student assessment or course grades.

Important Dates for full semester courses for **Spring 2014 :** http://www.wku.edu/registrar/academic_calendars/calendar_spring.php

Course Readings (Course Calendar in Blackboard)

Fiction

Reading a Story Chapter Introduction to Reading a Story Critical Essay What Makes a Short Story Short? by Norman Friedman JOHN UPDIKE'S "A & P"

Point of View Chapter Introduction to Point of View EUDORA WELTY'S "A WORN PATH" Background on Welty JAMES BALDWIN'S "SONNY'S BLUES" Background on Baldwin Longman Lecture Comprehension Quiz Interpretation Questions Essay Questions

Character Chapter Introduction to Character Dana Gioia Critical Essay Flat and Round Characters by E. M. Forster KATHERINE ANNE PORTER'S "THE JILTING OF GRANNY WEATHERALL" Background on Porter RAYMOND CARVER'S "CATHEDRAL" Background on Carver Longman Lecture Comprehension Quiz Essay Questions

Setting

Chapter Introduction to Setting KATE CHOPIN'S "THE STORM" Background on Chopin Rising Feminist "Storms": Sexuality and Desire in Kate Chopin's "The Storm" by Amy Mendenhall AMY TAN'S "A PAIR OF TICKETS" Background on Tan

Tone and Style Chapter Introduction to Tone and Style Video Introduction to Tone and Style Dana Gioia Critical Essav Style by Hallie Burnett ERNEST HEMINGWAY'S "A CLEAN, WELL-LIGHTED PLACE" Background on Hemingway Critical Essay Survival Through Irony: Hemingway's "A Clean, Well-Lighted Place" by Annette Benert WILLIAM FAULKNER'S "BARN BURNING" Background on Faulkner Audio Essay Henry Fonda introduces Barn Burning Video Essav Comprehension Quiz **Essay Questions** Critical Essay Reading "Barn Burning" by Hans H. Skei

Theme Chapter Introduction to Theme Video Introduction to Theme X. J. Kennedy

Symbol

Chapter Introduction to Symbol URSULA K. LE GUIN'S "THE ONES WHO WALK AWAY FROM OMELAS" Background on Le Guin Student Paper To Stay in Omelas by Anthony P. Iannini SHIRLEY JACKSON'S "THE LOTTERY" Background on Jackson Comprehension Quiz Essay Questions Critical Essay Social Evil: "The Lottery" by Lenemaja Friedman

Reading Long Stories and Novels FRANZ KAFKA'S THE METAMORPHOSIS Background on Kafka

Latin American Fiction Gabriel García Márquez's "A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings" Background on García Márquez

Critical Casebooks: Two Stories in Depth

ALICE WALKER'S "EVERYDAY USE" Background on Walker Longman Lecture Student Paper Analyzing Point of View in Alice Walker's "Everyday Use" by Katherine Raz

Stories for Further Reading

MARGARET ATWOOD'S "HAPPY ENDINGS" Background on Atwood Willa Cather's "Paul's Case" Kate Chopin's "The Story of an Hour" Sandra Cisneros's "The House on Mango Street" Zora Neale Hurston's "Sweat" James Joyce's "Araby"

JAMAICA KINCAID'S "GIRL" BOBBIE ANN MASON'S "SHILOH" JOYCE CAROL OATES'S "WHERE ARE YOU GOING, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?" TIM O'BRIEN'S "THE THINGS THEY CARRIED"

Short Story Collection

Chris Offutt's Kentucky Straight

Poetry

Reading a Poem Chapter Introduction to Reading a Poem William Butler Yeats WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS'S "THE LAKE ISLE OF INNISFREE" Background on Yeats Yeats's "The Lake Isle of Innisfree": Images of Dark Desires by Scott C. Holstad ROBERT FROST'S " 'OUT, OUT—' " Background on Frost Frost's " 'Out, Out—' " by Gloriana Locklear ROBERT BROWNING'S "MY LAST DUCHESS" A Feminist Reading of Browning's "My Last Duchess" by Artavia Lineszy-Overton

Listening to a Voice Chapter Introduction to Listening to a Voice William Blake Anne Bradstreet Gwendolyn Brooks **Emily Dickinson** Thomas Hardy Edna St. Vincent Millay Wilfred Owen Edwin Arlington Robinson Theodore Roethke Anne Sexton Walt Whitman William Carlos Williams William Wordsworth THEODORE ROETHKE'S "MY PAPA'S WALTZ" EDWIN ARLINGTON ROBINSON'S "LUKE HAVERGAL" Background on Robinson WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS'S "THE RED WHEELBARROW" Background on Williams WILLIAM BLAKE'S "THE CHIMNEY SWEEPER" Background on Blake WILFRED OWEN'S "DULCE ET DECORUM EST" Background on Owen "Dulce et Decorum Est"—A Dramatist's Point of View by Troy M. Hughes

Words

Chapter Introduction to Words JOHN DONNE'S "BATTER MY HEART . . . " Background on Donne THOMAS HARDY'S "THE RUINED MAID" Background on Hardy Thomas Hardy's "The Ruined Maid," Elsa Lanchester's "Music-Hall," and the "Fall into Fashion" by Keith Wilson E. E. CUMMINGS'S "ANYONE LIVED IN A PRETTY HOW TOWN" Background on Cummings Anyone's Any: A View of Language and Poetry Through an Analysis of "anyone lived in a pretty how town" by James Paul Gee BILLY COLLINS'S "THE NAMES" Background on Collins LEWIS CARROLL'S "JABBERWOCKY" Background on Carroll Critical Essay Carroll's "Jabberwocky" by Karen Alkalay-Gut

Saying and Suggesting Chapter Introduction to Saying and Suggesting RICHARD WILBUR'S "LOVE CALLS US TO THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD" Background on Wilbur Critical Essay From Cold War Poetry by Edward Brunner Imagery Chapter Introduction to Imagery Background Elizabeth Bishop **Billy Collins Emily Dickinson** T. S. Eliot Gerard Manley Hopkins Theodore Roethke Jean Toomer William Carlos Williams THEODORE ROETHKE'S "ROOT CELLAR" Background on Roethke Critical Essay Roethke's "Root Cellar" by George Wolff ELIZABETH BISHOP'S "THE FISH" Background on Bishop Critical Essay Some Observations on Elizabeth Bishop's "The Fish" by Ronald E. McFarland JEAN TOOMER'S "REAPERS" Background on Toomer GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS'S "PIED BEAUTY" Background on Hopkins Critical Essay Seeing "Pied Beauty": A Key to Theme and Structure by Amy Lowenstein JOHN KEATS'S "BRIGHT STAR! . . . " Background on Keats Figures of Speech Chapter Introduction to Figures of Speech Background Margaret Atwood William Blake **Emily Dickinson** Robert Frost John Keats Sylvia Plath William Shakespeare Alfred, Lord Tennyson WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S SONNET 18 "SHALL I COMPARE THEE TO A SUMMER'S DAY?" Background on Shakespeare Longman Lecture on the Theme of Love in Shakespeare's Sonnets Shakespeare's "Sonnet 18" by Robert H. Ray Shakespeare's "Sonnet 18" by Mark Howell Shakespeare's Eternal Summer by Laura Todd Sylvia Plath's "Metaphors"

Background on Plath "Metaphors" by Karen Alkalay-Gut MARGARET ATWOOD'S "YOU FIT INTO ME" Background on Atwood Critical Essay Atwood's "You fit into me" by Jes Simmons

Song

Background William Shakespeare Edwin Arlington Robinson EDWIN ARLINGTON ROBINSON'S "RICHARD CORY" Background on Robinson

Sound

Chapter Introduction to Sound Background T. S. Eliot Robert Frost Gerard Manley Hopkins A. E. Housman William Shakespeare Alfred, Lord Tennyson John Updike William Wordsworth William Butler Yeats WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS'S "WHO GOES WITH FERGUS?" Background on Yeats WILLIAM WORDSWORTH'S "A SLUMBER DID MY SPIRIT SEAL" Background on Wordsworth Critical Essay Cosmic Irony in Wordsworth's "A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal" by Warren Stevenson WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS'S "LEDA AND THE SWAN" Background on Yeats Critical Essay Rhetorical Figures in Yeats's "Leda and the Swan" by Barbara Edwards-Aldrich

Rhythm

Chapter Introduction to Rhythm Background Gwendolyn Brooks A. E. Housman Langston Hughes Dorothy Parker Alfred, Lord Tennyson Walt Whitman William Carlos Williams GWENDOLYN BROOKS'S "WE REAL COOL" Essay Questions Critical Essay On "We Real Cool" by James D. Sullivan DOROTHY PARKER'S "RÉSUMÉ" Background on Parker LANGSTON HUGHES'S "DREAM BOOGIE" Critical Essay Creating the Blues ("Dream Boogie") by Steven C. Tracy Closed Form Chapter Introduction to Closed Form Background Elizabeth Bishop John Donne Robert Frost John Keats Edna St. Vincent Millay William Shakespeare Dylan Thomas WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S SONNET 116 "LET ME NOT TO THE MARRIAGE OF TRUE MINDS" Critical Essav William Shakespeare: Sonnet 116 by Linda Gregerson EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY'S "WHAT LIPS MY LIPS HAVE KISSED . . . " Background on Millay Analysis of Edna St. Vincent Millay's "What lips my lips have kissed, and where, and why" by Stephanie Willson KIM ADDONIZIO'S "FIRST POEM FOR YOU" Writers on Writing Interview of Addonizio ROBERT FROST'S "ACQUAINTED WITH THE NIGHT" Background on Frost DYLAN THOMAS'S "DO NOT GO GENTLE INTO THAT GOOD NIGHT" Background on Thomas Critical Essav Making of a Poem: Dylan Thomas's "Do not go gentle into that good night" by Oliver Evans

Open Form Chapter Introduction to Open Form Background E. E. Cummings George Herbert Langston Hughes Wallace Stevens Walt Whitman William Carlos Williams E. E. CUMMINGS'S "BUFFALO BILL 'S" Background on Cummings Critical Essay Cummings's "Buffalo Bill 's" by Thomas Dilworth E. E. CUMMINGS'S "IN JUST-" Background on Cummings WALT WHITMAN'S "CAVALRY CROSSING A FORD" Background on Whitman Critical Essay

Whitman's Theme in "Cavalry Crossing a Ford" by Dale Doepke GEORGE HERBERT'S "EASTER WINGS" Critical Essay "Easter Wings" by Joan Klingel Ray

Symbol

Chapter Introduction to Symbol Background T. S. Eliot **Emily Dickinson** Thomas Hardy Robert Frost Wallace Stevens THOMAS HARDY'S "NEUTRAL TONES" Background on Hardy The God-Curst Sun: Love in "Neutral Tones" by James Hazen ROBERT FROST'S "THE ROAD NOT TAKEN" Background on Frost Frost's "The Road Not Taken": A 1925 Letter Comes to Light by Larry Finger WALLACE STEVENS'S "ANECDOTE OF THE JAR" Background on Stevens Critical Essays Stevens's "Anecdote of the Jar": Art as Entrapment by A. R. Coulthard

Myth and Narrative

Background Robert Frost John Keats Edgar Allan Poe Sylvia Plath Anne Sexton William Wordsworth W. B. Yeats ANNE SEXTON'S "CINDERELLA" Background on Sexton

Poetry and Personal Identity Background Sylvia Plath Sylvia Plath's "Lady Lazarus" Background on Plath JUDITH ORTIZ COFER'S "QUINCEAÑERA" Writers on Writing Video of Conference

Recognizing Excellence

Background Elizabeth Bishop Emily Dickinson John Keats Edgar Allan Poe Percy Bysshe Shelley Dylan Thomas Walt Whitman W. B. Yeats WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS'S "SAILING TO BYZANTIUM" Background on Yeats **Critical Excerpts** PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY'S "OZYMANDIAS" Background on Shelley ELIZABETH BISHOP'S "ONE ART" Background on Bishop Casebook: Eliot's "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" Background on Eliot Student Paper The Existential Anguish of J. Alfred Prufrock by Patrick Mooney Poems for Further Reading MATTHEW ARNOLD'S "DOVER BEACH" WILLIAM BLAKE'S "THE TYGER" Background on Blake GWENDOLYN BROOKS'S "THE MOTHER" Background on Brooks SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE'S "KUBLA KHAN" Background on Coleridge JOHN DONNE'S "DEATH BE NOT PROUD" Background on Donne RITA DOVE'S "DAYSTAR" Background on Dove "Writers on Writing" Video Interview of Dove ROBERT FROST'S "MENDING WALL" AND "BIRCHES" Background on Frost Mending Wall Birches Allen Ginsberg's "A Supermarket in California" Background on Ginsberg SEAMUS HEANEY'S "DIGGING" Background on Heaney A. E. HOUSMAN'S "TO AN ATHLETE DYING YOUNG" Background on Housman RANDALL JARRELL'S "DEATH OF THE BALL TURRET GUNNER" Background on Jarrell JOHN KEATS'S "ODE ON A GRECIAN URN" Background on Keats Student Paper John Keats's "Ode on a Grecian Urn": Dissolving into the Moment by Michelle Brown WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S SONNETS Background on Shakespeare WILLIAM WORDSWORTH'S "COMPOSED UPON WESTMINSTER BRIDGE"

Drama

Reading a Play Chapter Introduction to Reading or Watching a Play Michael Palma Introductions to the Elements of Drama: Exposition, Dialogue, Conflict, Plot, Character, Theme, Symbol Video Introductions to the Elements of Drama: Exposition, Dialogue, Conflict, Plot, Character, Theme, Symbol Michael Palma SUSAN GLASPELL'S TRIFLES Background on Glaspell

The Theater of Sophocles

Chapter Introductions: Modes of Drama, Verse Drama, the Unities Video Introductions: Modes of Drama; Verse Drama, the Unities Michael Palma SOPHOCLES'S ANTIGONÊ Background on Sophocles Longman Lecture Evaluation Questions Comprehension Quiz Writing Prompts / Essay Questions Video Full-length 1984 TV production of Antigonê, starring John Gielgud and Juliet Stevenson.

The Theater of Shakespeare Chapter Introductions: Modes of Drama, Verse Drama WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S OTHELLO Impertinent Trifling: Desdemona's Handkerchief by Harry Berger, Jr. Student Paper A Guiltless Death: The Unconsummated Marriage in Othello, by K. A. Goodfellow

The Modern Theater David Henry Hwang's The Sound of a Voice Background on Hwang Arthur Miller's The Death of a Salesman Background on Miller August Wilson's Fences Background on Wilson Margaret Edson's "W;t" Background on Edson