Introduction to Twentieth-Century Literature

Meeting time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00-11:30.
Building EI, Room 1502

Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-4:00, or by appointment.

This course will introduce you to some of the common concerns, forms, genres, and controversies of early twentieth-century literature.

It is absolutely essential that you read all texts on time—that is, that you be prepared to discuss them as they are taken up in class.

I will deduct one percentage point per week-day for late papers. In case of serious medical or family emergency, I will grant a reasonable extension when possible, but please talk to me as early as possible, preferably before the due date.

Required Texts:

Joseph Conrad, Lord Jim (Penguin)
Virginia Woolf, To the Lighthouse (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich)
James Joyce, Dubliners
Eugene O'Neill, Long Day's Journey into Night (Yale)
Zora Neale Hurston, Their Eyes Were Watching God (Harper and Row)

Assignments:

Tuesday, 25 September...paragraph due. (5%)
Thursday, 4 October..."10 questions" assignment due. (5%) (Note: this assignment will be explained at greater length in class. You might want to know in the meantime, however, that the assignment involves asking 10 questions, not answering them.)
Tuesday, 16 October...in-class test (15%)
Thursday, 18 October...essay due, 5-6 pages. (20%)
Thursday, 15 November...in-class test. (20%)
Thursday, 22 November...essay due, 5-6 pages. (25%)
Thursday, 29 November...quiz (in-class) (10%)

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November 20-27 Their Eyes Were Watching God (essay due Nov. 22)
November 29 QUIZ

Please note also that cheating and plagiarism are very serious academic offences. Anyone who cheats or who represents another's work as his/her own will become subject to the disciplinary code of the University of Waterloo. If you have any doubt about the meaning or interpretation of plagiarism, please talk to me BEFORE YOU HAND IN YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT.