English 108M: Fall 1990

Texts:

J. D. Salinger, The Catcher in the Rye
Carson McCullers, The Member of the Wedding
Audrey Thomas, Songs my Mother Taught Me
S. E. Hinton, The Outsiders
Robert Cormier, The Chocolate War
Alice Munro, Lives of Girls and Women
Sheridan Baker, The Practical Stylist

Assignments:

12/9  Introduction
19/9  The Catcher in the Rye
26/9  The Member of the Wedding
3/10 The Member of the Wedding
10/10 The Practical Stylist, pp. 1-97
17/10 Songs My Mother Taught Me
      Journal Due (2 entries)
24/10 The Outsiders
31/10 The Outsiders
7/11  The Chocolate War
      Journal Due (4 entries)
14/11 The Chocolate War
21/11 Lives of Girls and Women
28/11 Conclusions
      Complete Journal Due

In addition to a study of the adolescent in literature, this course will stress learning to read more perceptively and to write more proficiently. The course mark will be based on a Journal (one single, bound volume) in which you write a short (500 words) informal and personal essay on each of the six novels listed above. Each Journal entry should make some clear and cogent observation of the literature and should contain appropriate supporting evidence. (See The Practical Stylist for guidance on form and effectiveness.)

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