ENGLISH 200A (01)
Survey of British Literature: 1

Fall 1990
Section 01
Tues/Thurs 10-11.30
Room: Arts Lecture 206
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Course Description

"An historical survey of major figures, types, and trends in British Literature from the Middle Ages to the late 18th century."

Required Texts

The Norton Anthology of English Literature. Fifth Edition (The Major Authors)

Course Requirements

Two essays of five or six double-spaced typewritten pages = 40%. A final exam = 40%
The remaining 20% of the final grade will be awarded on the basis of attendance, participation, and on other exercises to be discussed later. Students are expected to study the set readings in advance, so as to be able to participate in class discussion. Please read the introductions to each author given in the Norton Anthology and in Robinson Crusoe.

Assignments

All assignments listed below are in the Norton Anthology, except Robinson Crusoe.

Sept. 11-13 Chaucer: General Prologue to Canterbury Tales
Sept. 18-20 Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale. Miller's Tale
Sept. 25-27 Shakespeare The First Part of Henry IV
Oct. 2-4 The First Part of Henry IV
Oct. 9-11 Milton Paradise Lost
Oct. 16-18 Paradise Lost
Oct. 23-25 Defoe Robinson Crusoe
Oct. 30- Nov. 1 Robinson Crusoe
Nov. 6-8 Swift Gulliver's Travels
Nov. 13-15    Pope    The Rape of the Lock

Nov. 20-22    Johnson  From p. 1252 to p. 1277

Nov. 27-29    Johnson  From p. 1282 to p. 1291, and Review

N.B. It may be necessary to shorten or omit one or more assignments. Dates on which particular authors are discussed may vary somewhat from this outline.