Department of English
University of Waterloo

English 200A
Survey of British Literature I

Time: MWF 11:30 A.M.
Place: ES 1 Rm 350

Office hours: HH 223, MWF 10:30-11:30,
T,R: 10:00-1200; 2:00-4:00 or by appointment.
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Texts: M.H. Abrams, The Norton Anthology of English Literature
       Aaron & McArthur, The Little, Brown Compact Handbook [All
       royalties to the English Dept Scholarship Fund].

Purpose:
This course is an historical survey of major figures, types, and trends
in British literature from the Middle Ages to the late 18th century.

Assignments:
Reading: an average of 10 pages per lecture.
Writing: Essay 1 Fri Oct 16 20 marks
         Mid-term Fri Oct 30 20
         Essay 2 Fri Nov 20 30
         Final Examination 30
         Total 100

Students ought to read the Calendar on Academic Discipline (p. 1:100).

Lecture Schedule

Sept Mon 14  Introduction
           16 Bede & Caedmon's Hymn; The Wanderer; Beowulf (to p.37)
           18 The Canterbury Tales: General Prologue (81-100)
         Mon 21 Julian of Norwich (292-297)
           23 More: Utopia (415-431)
           25 Spenser: Sonnets 1, 68, 75 (p. 734, 736, 737)
         Mon 28 Shakespeare: Fear no More; Full Fathom Five (807)
           30 Sonnets 30, 55, 129
Oct    2 Marlowe: The Passionate Shepherd; Raleigh: The Nymph's Reply
       (767, 1022)
         Mon  5 Hooker: Ecclesiastical Polity (1014-21)
           7 Donne, "Go and catch a falling star" (1083); A Valediction
               Forbidding Mourning (1093)
           9 Donne: Holy Sonnets 1,14 (p. 1116-17)
         Mon 12 Thanksgiving Day
         Mon 14 Donne: The Language of God; On Falling Out of God's Hand
         Mon 16 Bacon: Of Truth; Of Studies; The Advancement of Learning
         Mon 17