ENGLISH 200B: WINTER 1991

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An introduction, via readings of 'major' authors and texts, to the thematic and formal preoccupations of Romantic, Victorian and Modernist British Literature.

Texts

Norton Anthology of English Literature 5th edition: Major authors

Jane Austen: Emma ed. David Lodge (Worlds Classics)

Emily Bronte: Wuthering Heights ed. Ian Jack (Worlds Classics)

Coursework

Essay 1: January 31 (30%)

Essay 2: March 14    (30%)

Final Examination    (40%)

Schedule

January 3: Introduction.

January 10: Wordsworth: Lines Composed a Few Miles Above Tintern Abbey (1377); Preface to Lyrical Ballads (1802) (1379); Strange Fits of Passion Have I Known (1394); She Dwelt among the Untrodden Ways (1395); Three Years She Grew (1395); A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal (1396); I Travelled Among Unknown Men (1397); Ode: Intimations of Immortality (1427).

January 17 & 24: Emma

January 31 & February 7: Wuthering Heights

February 14: Tennyson: Mariana(1939); The Lady of Shalott(1942); The Lotos eaters(1946); Ulysses(1950); The Charge of the Light Brigade (2011); The Passing of Arthur (2020); Crossing the Bar (2034)

February 28: Eliot: The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock (2504); The Waste Land (2511); Journey of the Magi (2526); Tradition and the Individual Talent (2535)
March 7: Joyce: The Dead (2373)

March 14: Woolf: Modern Fiction (2337); A Room of One's Own (2343)
The Seachlight (2355); A Sketch of the Past (2358)

March 21: Guest Lecture: Selected Poetry

March 28: Beckett: Happy Days (2543)

ASSIGNMENT ONE: January 31.

Attempt a close reading of any one poem from the Romantic period included in the anthology or of a passage from either Bronte or Austen---no more than a chapter. For either poetry or prose in this assignment, you should focus both on what the passage chosen is concerned with as well as how it goes about communicating those concerns. The early classes should demonstrate what the term "close reading" involves, or at least some of the things it does.

Your essay should be approximately 1500 words.

I would greatly appreciate it if you all could simply staple your papers or fasten them with a paper clip. I find plastic and or card folders cumbersome and annoying.