ENGLISH 208A
FORMS OF FANTASY
Fall 1992

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Office Hours: Tues./Thurs. 11:30am-1:00pm

TEXTS

Rabkin, Eric
Tolkien, J.R.R.
Leguin, Ursula
Gardner, John
Goldman, William
Kay, Guy

Fantastic Worlds
The Hobbit
A Wizard of Earthsea
The Left Hand of Darkness
Grendel
The Princess Bride
Tigana

LECTURES AND ASSIGNMENTS

Sept. 15-17 Introduction
22-29 Rabkin, Fantastic Worlds

Oct. 1 Tolkien, "Essay on Fairy Stories"
(in Tree and Leaf on reserve)

Oct. 8-15 Tolkien, The Hobbit
20-27 Leguin, A Wizard of Earthsea
29 Leguin, The Left Hand of Darkness

Nov. 3-5 Leguin
10-17 Gardner, Grendel
19-26 Kay, Tigana

Dec. 1 Kay
3 Review and Exam preparation

ESSAYS: Students will be expected to keep a kind of ongoing 'journal' of objective responses and critical reflections on the texts on the reading list and on the nature of 'fantasy literature' which will be submitted twice, on October 1, 1992, and October 29, 1992. These 'journals' will be graded primarily on content and will be worth 10% each towards the final mark. They should also form the basis for the final formal essay due November 17, 1992, and will be submitted again with that formal essay. The formal essay and accompanying material will be worth 40% of the final mark.

EXAM: Final Exam worth 40%.