ENGLISH 208A
FORMS OF FANTASY
Spring 1991

Mrs. K. McArthur
HH 257
Tues./Thurs. 12:30-1:30
6873 or 747-0818
Marker: Andrea Elvidge

TEXTS

Tolkien, J.R.R. Tree and Leaf
The Hobbit

Leguin, Ursula A Wizard of Earthsea
The Left Hand of Darkness

Gardner, John Grendel

Garner, Alan The Owl Service

Goldman, William The Princess Bride

Kay, Guy The Summer Tree

Recommended/Supplementary
Hartwell, David, ed. Masterpieces of Fantasy and Enchantment

LECTURES AND ASSIGNMENTS

May
7 Introduction
14 Tolkien, Tree and Leaf, "Essay on Fairy Stories", The Hobbit
21 Tolkien cont'd
28 Tolkien cont'd FIRST SUBMISSION DUE

June
4 Gardner, Grendel
11 "The Green Magician", (Hartwell), Garner, The Owl Service
18 Leguin, The Left Hand of Darkness
25 Leguin, "The Rule of Names", (Hartwell), A Wizard of Earthsea SECOND SUBMISSION DUE

July
2 Kay, The Summer Tree
9 Kay, cont'd
16 Goldman, The Princess Bride FORMAL ESSAY DUE
23 Review and Exam preparation

ESSAYS: Students will be expected to keep a kind of ongoing 'journal' of responses and critical reflections on the texts on the reading list and on the nature of 'fantasy literature' which will be submitted twice, on May 28, 1991, and June 25, 1991. 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 July 16, 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%. 