English 451A: Victorian Poetry & Poetics

Time: MWF 2.30  Place: PAS 1241 Office hours: HH 223, MWF 3.30 - 5; TR 10-4
       Robert Browning, Selected Poems. Penguin
       Alfred Tennyson, Selected Poems. Penguin
       Matthew Arnold, [Poems: edition to be announced]
       Fowler, Aaron, McArthur, The Little Brown Handbook

Assignments: Oct 06  Essay 1 (8 pp)  15
             Oct 20  Midterm exam (50 mins)  20
             Nov 17  Essay 2 (10 pp)  25
             Dec     Final Exam (2.5 hrs)  40
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Lecture Schedule
Mon Sept 11 Introduction
       13 Tennyson: Ulysses, Tithonus, The Lotus Eaters
       15 Oenone, Locksley Hall
Mon Sept 18 Tiresias, The Ancient Sage, Demeter and Persephone
       20 Lucretius
       22 The Palace of Art, The Lady of Shalott
Mon Sept 25 - Fri Sept 29 In Memoriam
Mon Oct 02 - Fri Oct 06 Maud
Mon Oct 09 Thanksgiving
       11 Browning: Porphyria’s Lover, Soliloquy of the Spanish Cloister
       13 The Bishop Orders His Tomb, Abt Vogler
Mon Oct 16 How It Strikes a Contemporary; A Grammarian’s Funeral
       18 Essay on Shelley
       20 Mid-term Exam
Mon Oct 23 One Word More; Childe Roland To the Dark Tower Came
       25 An Epistle According to Karshish…; Cleon
       27 A Death in the Desert
Mon Oct 30 Arnold: Dover Beach, In Harmony with Nature
Wed Nov 01 The Forsaken Merman, The Buried Life
       Nov 03 Rugby Chapel
Mon Nov 06 Switzerland
       08 A Summer Night; The Scholar Gypsy.
       10 Hopkins: Spring, Pied Beauty
Mon Nov 13 God’s Grandeur, The Windhover
       15 Hurrahing in Harvest, As Kingfishers Catch Fire
       17 Spring and Fall, The Caged Skylark
Mon Nov 20 The Candle Indoors, To Seem the Stranger Lies My Lot
       22 No Worst, There is none; I wake and Feel the Fell of Dark
       24 My own Heart…; Thou Art Indeed Just, Lord
Mon Nov 27 - Dec 1 The Wreck of the Deutschland
Mon Dec  4 Lantern Out of Doors