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English 451B: Victorian Prose and Novel

Place: HH 139  
Time: MWF 11.30  
Office: HH 223 Hours: MWF 1.30-4.30; Tues/Thurs 10-12, 2-4.

Texts:  
Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*  
George Eliot, *Silas Marner*  
Ann Bronte, *Jane Eyre*

Matthew Arnold, *Culture and Anarchy*  
John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty*  
John Henry Newman, *The Idea of a University* * [the text will be on ACE]  
John Ruskin, *Unto This Last*

Assignments:  

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Objectives: We will do close readings of each text so as to understand the thematic development and the literary techniques. Each of the texts explore the nature of human freedom: political, religious, social, and ‘inner’ freedom. Each links that freedom to the growth of the individual soul. For more detail on general objectives see ACE.

Schedule  
Jan 4  *A Tale of Two Cities*  
Jan 15 *On Liberty*  
Jan 25 *Jane Eyre*  
Feb 5  *Culture and Anarchy*  
Feb 25 To Be Announced  
Mar 8  *Unto This Last*  
Mar 15 *Silas Marner*  
Mar 24 *The Idea of a University*