Department of English
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English 451B
Literature of the Victorian Age II: Prose & Novel

Professor: Dr. J.S. North
Time: MWF 12:30
Office hours: HH 223: MWF 1:30-4:30; or by appointment.

John Ruskin Unto This Last, Penguin
Matthew Arnold: Selected Prose, Penguin.
Selected Writings of Thomas Carlyle, Penguin.

Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities, Penguin.
Bronte, Jane Eyre, Dent.
Thackeray, Vanity Fair

Recommended: Thomas, W.K. Correct Form in Essay Writing

Purpose:
To study a selection from the major essayists and novelists of the Victorian age: Arnold, Mill, Carlyle, Ruskin, Newman, Dickens, Eliot and Bronte. We will consider their work in the context of 19th century social history, and will discuss the links between form and content in each work. Some attention will be given to research methods in Victorian materials.

Assignments:
Reading: About 70 pages per lecture
Writing: Term paper 1 20 marks Feb 2
Mid-term 20 Feb 26
Term paper 2 30 Mar 16
Exam 30

Lecture Schedule:
January 6: Dickens
15 Mill
24 Eliot
Feb 3 Carlyle
12 Thackeray
Mar 2 Newman
13 Bronte
25 Ruskin