This is a study of the more popular and influential novels and essays of the Victorian period. We will pay some attention to literary and social background. Students will be encouraged to search out library resources, and to become familiar with the major reference works dealing with the period.

Texts: Charlotte Bronte, Jane Eyre, Penguin
      Wilkie Collins, The Woman in White, Penguin
      Charles Dickens, Hard Times, Norton
      Anthony Trollope, Barry Lyndon, Oxford

      Matthew Arnold, Selected Prose..., Penguin
      Thomas Carlyle, Selected Writings, Penguin
      John Stuart Mill, On Liberty
      John Henry Newman, The Uses of Knowledge, Harlaan D.
      John Ruskin, Unto This Last, Penguin

Lecture Schedule

Jan 5  Dickens, Hard Times
Jan 17  Mill, On Liberty
Jan 28  Bronte, Jane Eyre
Feb 9  Arnold, Selected Prose
Feb 28  Collins, The Woman in White
March 9  Ruskin, Unto This Last
March 16 Newman, The Uses of Knowledge
March  Trollope, Barry Lyndon
March 28 Carlyle, Selected Writings

Assignments
Essay 1  Feb 7
Midterm  Feb 18
Essay 2  March 25