

Department of Literature, Journalism, Writing, and Languages

Syllabus LIT 2055 British Writers II Spring 2022

Spring 2022		
Instructor title and name: Dr. Bettina Tate Pedersen		
Office Phone: (619) 849-2260		
Email: bettinapedersen@pointloma.edu Please use Canvas for course emails.		
Office hours: <i>All office hours</i> will be remote via the Zoom Page link in each weekly module, Mondays 3:00-4:00pm Campus office: BAC 116 (for fully post-pandemic F2F days when those return)		
Additional info: Essential platforms for ALL course work: Chrome, Word, Excel, Google. If you do not have the necessary technology (e.g. a		
laptop or access to reliable internet), please email for assistance. Be sure to check the Knowledge Base site for discounted hardware and software. You must sign in to this page once you are there.		

PLNU Mission⊗

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

COURSE DESCRIPTION⊗

Discussion and analysis of major movements, genres, authors, and works from the 1780s to the present. Includes work by authors such as Wollstonecraft, Blake, the Wordsworths, Coleridge, Keats, Dickens, the Rossettis, the Brownings, Shaw, Wilde, Eliot, Woolf, Heaney, and Friel.

Prerequisite: College Composition (4 units) Recommended: LIT 2000, LIT 3000, LIT 2054 British Writers I

EXTENDED COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a survey course foundational to an understanding of the developments in British literature (poetry, prose, drama) from the late 1700s to the present. We will explore the texts and their interconnections to culture. We will also study literary artistry, including literary elements, devices, and interpretive issues. Students will gain skills in literary, historical, and cultural analysis

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES⊗

Students of LIT 2055 will

- 1. Closely read (comprehension, analysis) and critically analyze (analysis) texts in their original languages and/or in translation.
- 2. Recall (knowledge), identify (knowledge), and use (application) fundamental concepts of literary study to read and discuss texts
 - a. Standard literary terminology
 - b. Modes/genres of literature
 - c. Elements of literary genres
 - d. Literary periods (dates, writers, characteristics, and important developments)
 - e. Contemporary critical approaches
 - f. Extra-literary research
- 3. Analyze (analysis) the social, cultural, ethnic, gendered, and/or historical contexts of the works and their authors, and connect (synthesis, evaluation) the texts with their own lives.
- 4. Create (synthesis, evaluation) detailed and informed textual analysis of literary works that examine several of the fundamental concepts of literary study.

BLOOM'S TAXONOMY

Knowledge, Comprehension, Application, Analysis, Synthesis, Evaluation

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)	Coursework	WASC/CC
CLO 1 Closely read and critically analyze texts in their original languages and/or in translation.	Annotations (COVE & CRO) Discussion Assignments & Presentations Short Paper	CT WC IL
cLO 2 Recall, identify, and use fundamental concepts of literary study to read and discuss texts a. Standard literary terminology b. Modes/genres of literature c. Elements of literary genres d. Literary periods (dates, writers, characteristics, and important developments) e. Contemporary critical approaches f. Extra-literary research	Annotations (COVE & CRO) Discussions Assignments & Presentations Midterm Exam Final Exam Short Paper	CT WC IL
CLO 3 Analyze the social, cultural, ethnic, gendered, and/or historical contexts of the works and their authors, and connect the texts with their own lives.	Annotations (COVE & CRO) Discussion Assignments & Presentations Short Paper	CT OC
CLO 4 Create detailed and informed textual analysis of literary works that examine several of the fundamental concepts of literary study.	Annotations (COVE & CRO) Discussion Assignments & Presentations Short Paper	CT WC IL

COURSE CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION⊗

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 3 unit class delivered over 16 weeks. It is anticipated that students will spend a minimum of 37.5 participation hours per credit hour on their coursework. For this course, students will spend an estimated 112.5 minimum total hours meeting the course learning outcomes. Weekly time estimations are also provided in the Canvas modules.

DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENT LEARNING HOURS & WEIGHTED GRADING

Course Assignments & Exams	Hours	%Weight
Assignments: Discussions, Annotations, Quizzes, Presentations	103.5	40%
Short Paper: Close Reading Analysis	4-5.25	10%
Midterm Exam	1.25	25%
Final Exam	2.5	25%
TOTAL COURSE HOURS	112.5	100%

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING**⊗**

Student grades will be posted in the Canvas grade book no later than midnight on Tuesday of each week beginning in Week Two of this course. It is important to read the comments posted in the grade book as these comments are intended to help students improve their work. Final grades will be posted within one week of the end of the class. Grades will be based on the following:

Grade Scale (Percentage)

Grade	% Range	Grade	% Range
A	93-100%	C	73-76%
A-	90-92%	C-	70-72%
B+	87-89%	D+	67-69%
В	83-86%	D	63-66%
В-	80-82%	D-	60-62%
C+	77-79%	F	59% & Below

STATE AUTHORIZATION⊗

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the map on State Authorization to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

MAINTAINING CLASS SCHEDULE VIA ONLINE REGISTRATION

Students must maintain their class schedules. Should a student need arise to drop a course, they are responsible to drop the course (provided the drop date meets the stated calendar deadline established by the university) and to complete all necessary official forms (online or paper). Failing to attend and/or to complete required forms may result in a grade of F on the student's official transcript.

INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS**⊗**

All assignments are to be submitted by the due dates posted. Late assignments are not accepted. No assignments will be accepted after midnight on the last day of class. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

In any online discussions, missing work means that others will not have the opportunity to respond to your comments nor you to theirs, so if you know you will be away on the day your assignment is due, you must post your work before you leave.

Assignments must be posted/submitted by 11:59pm Pacific Standard Time on the day they are due unless otherwise specified.

PLNU FINAL EXAMINATIONS POLICY

Final Examinations are the culminating learning event in a course, and they are scheduled to take into account all the different courses and departments across the university. Successful completion of this class requires taking the final examination on its scheduled day. *You must arrange your personal affairs to fit the examination schedule.*

- The final examination schedule is posted at <u>Final Exam Schedules</u>.
- In the rare case that you have more than three (3) final examinations on the same day, you may work out an alternate time for one of your exams with your professors. This is the <u>only</u> university-sanctioned reason for taking a final exam at a time other than the officially scheduled time for the exam. Please confirm your final examination schedule the first week of classes, and schedule those exam times into your daily planners and calendars now. If you find that your final exam schedule is the one described above, please meet with your professors as soon as possible so that they may help you to make alternative arrangements for taking your exams.

PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY⊗

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY⊗

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See <u>Academic Policies</u> for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY **⊕**

PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities. Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center (EAC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2486). Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will issue an academic accommodation plan ("AP") to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not wish to utilize some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to assure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC.

PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY**⊗**

Regular and punctual attendance at all **synchronous** class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions (virtual or face-to-face), the faculty member will issue a written warning of deenrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation. In some courses, a portion of the credit hour content will be delivered **asynchronously** and attendance will be determined by submitting the assignments by the posted due dates. See <u>Academic Policies</u> in the Undergraduate Academic Catalog. If absences exceed these limits but are due to university excused health issues, an exception will be granted.

Asynchronous Attendance/Participation Definition

A day of attendance in asynchronous content is determined as contributing a substantive note, assignment, discussion, or submission by the posted due date. Failure to meet these standards will result in an absence for that day. Instructors will determine how many asynchronous attendance days are required each week.

PUBLIC DISCOURSE

Much of the work we will do in this discussion-based F2F/hybrid/online class is interactive, the nature of Canvas discussion board posts and replies and recorded ZOOM meetings are *public*, *not private*, *discourse*. By continuing in this class, you acknowledge that your work will be viewed and/or heard by others in the class and is thus, public.

SPIRITUAL CARE⊗

Please be aware PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as whole persons. To this end, we provide resources for our students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. If students have questions, a desire to meet with the chaplain or have prayer requests you can contact the Office of Spiritual Development.

CLASS PARTICIPATION

Interactions and Engagement with Course Readings

Your success in understanding and making meaning of the course texts will be directly related to your

o close reading of the texts (annotations, discussions),

- o thoughtful reflection on the texts (annotations, discussions),
- o engaged participation in discussions (online posting/replying, active listening, paraphrasing, Zoom reactions, etc.),
- o adjusted or corrected interpretations and understandings of a text (annotations),
- o asking your own questions about the texts (discussions, annotations, assignments),
- o seeking answers to your questions, (discussions, annotations, presentations, assignments)
- o connecting the literature to our world context and to your own life; (discussions, assignments)
- o spiritual meditation on the power of reading, of literature, and of empathizing with the experiences of others (discussions)

Preparation, Assignments, and Technology

- 1. Course books must be in your possession before the modules dedicated to those books begin. No exemptions from quizzes or other required/graded work will be granted because you do not yet have course texts. Using designated editions is crucial since all page references in course handout, slide, assignments are taken from the specified editions. If audiobooks are used, you will need to listen with dedicated focus to the text and with relevant discussion question sheets and/or Close Reading Organizer (CRO) in front of you as you listen.
- 2. Completion of all discussions & assignments is required; passing the course will be difficult without doing so. Missed work may be made up only in extenuating circumstances as determined by typical university standards. You must communicate with me directly about such circumstances.
- 3. Late assignments *will not be accepted* unless extenuating circumstances apply and you have been in communication with me.
- 4. It is your responsibility to see to it that your work is posted/submitted correctly in Canvas. It is also your responsibility to *let me know immediately* if you are experiencing technical difficulties with course materials in Canvas so that I can address the technical issues on my side.
- 5. Always keep duplicate copies of your work so you can provide one if necessary.
- 6. All coursework must be submitted in acceptable, viewable/audible, *Canvas-compatible*, *digital form* (doc, docx, pdf, xlsx, Google docs/sheets). *Google Chrome* is the best browser to use with Canvas.

Quizzes

You may have periodic quizzes on assigned readings, and these may not be made up. I generally throw out the lowest quiz score when calculating final course averages.

Digital Platforms

You are responsible to regularly check all digital platforms in use for our course for relevant communications and information: Canvas, Google Drive, COVE, and PLNU Gmail. You are fully accountable for all course content communicated via these sites. I will post only to these sites. Please let me know immediately if you encounter any technical problems with these sites.

Handwritten Annotations & Class Notes

Research is showing that our brains remember information better if we write it down the old-fashioned way, so I do recommend handwritten annotations in your course texts and class notes. (NPR Put Your Laptop Away, The Pen Is Mightier than the Keyboard)

Classroom Decorum

Please manage your print materials and electronic devices appropriately, responsibly, with consideration for others, and as instructed. Please dress in appropriate academic attire out of consideration for others in our class. Appropriate attire <u>excludes</u> clothing that is politically offensive and sexually suggestive in design or logo. I do reserve the right to ask you to leave the classroom if I believe your attire to be offensive and/or an obstacle to a positive, hospitable, and civil learning and teaching environment.

ACADEMIC WRITING & MLA STYLE

For all written work, please use MLA Style and follow all standards of academic writing taught to you in your college composition class. The MLA Style includes the standard use of inclusive language. (See also "LJML Department Syllabus Statements: Inclusive Language" posted on Canvas in the Syllabus & Course Policies folder.)

INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

Because the Literature, Journalism, and Modern Language department recognizes the power of language, all public language used in this course, including written and spoken discourse, should be inclusive. This standard is outlined by all major academic style guides, including MLA, APA, and Chicago, and is the norm in university-level work.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Point Loma Nazarene University is committed to diversity in the classroom, in its publications and in its various organizations and components. Faculty and staff recognize that the diverse backgrounds and perspectives of their colleagues and students are best served through respect toward gender, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, culture and other personal characteristics. In addition, the department of Literature, Journalism, and Modern Languages is committed to taking a leadership position that calls for promoting a commitment to diversity in and out of the classroom and in the practices of writing, journalism and the study of literature.

USE OF TECHNOLOGY⊗

In order to be successful in the online environment, you'll need to meet the minimum technology and system requirements; please refer to the <u>Technology and System Requirements</u> information. (You will have to log into this link's page to see appropriate content.)

Problems with technology do not relieve you of the responsibility of participating, turning in your assignments, or completing your classwork.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Abrams, M. H. *The Norton Anthology of English Literature*. 8th edition. Vols. D, E, F Dickens, Charles. *Hard Times*. Broadview edition only Woolf, Virginia. *Mrs. Dalloway*. Harcourt. COVE Membership \$10

ASSIGNMENTS AT A GLANCE

- 1. **Discussions, Annotations, Quizzes, Assignments, Presentations:** Various Canvas, COVE, and in-class assignments and activities related to course readings. (CLO #1-4)
- 2. **Short Paper** Literary analysis of poetry, drama, fiction, and/or essay showing close reading of primary text and citing of sources using MLA Style. (CLO #1-4)
- 3. **Midterm Exam** Cumulative multiple-choice exam on literary works and features of the works. (CLO #1-3)
- 4. **Final Exam** Comprehensive multiple-choice exam on literary works and features of the works and literary periods. (CLO #1-3).

SCHEDULE OF READINGS & ASSIGNMENTS (See Canvas Modules)

Note: While we will read *all* selections assigned below, we will discuss them in in varying depth and degree.



Week One Romantic Period (1785-1830)

Hard Times, Parts 1 & 2, V. I, Chs. 1-5 Hard Times, Parts 3 & 4, V. I, Chs. 6-8

Jan13 Class Introduction: Expectations, Policies, & Syllabus

Hard Times: 1) Reading Guide, 2) Weekly Canvas Discussion Boards begin, 3) Canvas Page: Dickens - Hard Times - Reading in Weekly

Installments

Week Two

Hard Times, Parts 5 & 6, V.I, Chs. 9-12

Jan 18 THE ROMANTIC PERIOD, 1785-1830 (NRTN pp. 23-25); William Blake Songs of

Innocence and Songs of Experience (NRTN pp. 76-79): "The Chimney Sweeper" (p. 85), "The Chimney Sweeper" (p. 90), "The Little Black Boy" (p. 84), Sherwin

Nuland excerpt (in Canvas)

Jan 20 Mary Wollstonecraft A Vindication of the Rights of Woman [all excerpts] (NRTN

pp. 167-95)

Week Three

Hard Times, Parts 7 & 8, V.I, Chs. 13-16

Jan 25 Anna Barbauld "The Rights of Woman" (NRTN pp. 26, 35-6)

Charlotte Smith sonnets from *Elegiac Sonnets (NRTN* pp. 39-42)

Jan 27 Samuel Taylor Coleridge "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" (NTRN pp. 424-

26,430-46) View-Listen: YouTube recitations of Rime of the Ancient Mariner

(by Ian McKellan, or by Richard Burton

Week Four

Hard Times, Parts 9 & 10, V.II, Chs. 1-3

Feb 1 William Wordsworth from "Lines: Composed a Few Miles above Tintern...," "I Wandered Longly as a Cloud," and "The World Is too Much with Lie" (NTPN np.

Wandered Lonely as a Cloud," and "The World Is too Much with Us" (NTRN pp.

243-45, 258-62, 305-06, 319), "Preface to Lyrical Ballads (1802)" [IN CLASS

READING GUIDE EXERCISE

ENRICHMENT: Dorothy Wordsworth from *The Alfoxden Journal*, fr. *The*

Grasmere Journals (NRTN pp. 389-402)

Feb 3 John Keats "La Belle Dame sans Merci: A Ballad" and "Ode on a Grecian Urn"

(NRTN pp. 878-80, 899-900, 901-906) & Percy Bysche Shelley "Mont Blanc" and

"Ozymandias" (NRTN 741-44, 762-66, 768)

Sum Up Romantic Literature & Period

Figure 1 Younger Queen Victoria

Figure 2 Older Queen Victoria







Queen Victoria's Reign (1837-1901)

Week Five	Victorian Period (1837-1901) Hard Times, Parts 11 & 12 V.II, Chs. 4-
Feb 8	THE VICTORIAN PERIOD, 1830-1901 (NRTN pp. 1000-1001)
	EVOLUTION (NRTN pp. 1538-55) & Thomas Henry Huxley "Agnosticism and
	Christianity" (NRTN pp. 1427-29, 1436-39) & Matthew Arnold "Dover Beach"
	(NRTN pp. 1350-54, 1368-69)
Feb 10	Alfred, Lord Tennyson from <i>In Memoriam</i> (esp. Prologue, 1-15, 27-30, 54-59
	(56), 78, 96, 104-06, 129-31, Epilogue) (<i>NRTN</i> pp. 1109-12, 1138-89)

Week Six	Hard Times, Parts 13 & 14 V.II, Chs. 7-8
Feb 15	THE "WOMAN QUESTION": THE VICTORIAN DEBATE ABOUT
	GENDER [all selections] (NRTN pp. 1581-1606) & John Stuart Mill from The
	Subjection of Women (NRTN pp. 1043-44, 1060-70)
Feb 17	Robert Browning "Porphyria's Lover," "My Last Duchess" (NRTN pp. 1248-53,
	1255-56)

Week Seven	Hard Times, Parts 15 & 16 V.II, Chs. 9-12
Feb 22	Dante Gabriel Rossetti "The Blessed Damozel," "77. Soul's Beauty," "78. Body's
	Beauty" (NRTN pp. 1442-47, 1458-59)
Feb 24	Christina Rossetti "Goblin Market" & "In an Artist's Studio" (NRTN pp. 1459-60,
	1466-78 & 1463)

Week Eight Hard Times, Parts 17 & 18 V.III, Chs. 1-4

Mar 1 **INDUSTRIALISM: PROGRESS OR DECLINE** [all selections] (NRTN pp.

1556-57, 1562-80) & Elizabeth Barrett Browning "The Cry of the Children"

(*NRTN* pp. 1077-82)

Mar 3 MIDTERM EXAM

Week Nine Hard Times, Parts 19 & 20 V.III, Chs. 5-9

Mar 15 Charles Dickens *Hard Times* (Parts 19 & 20 V.III, Chs. 5-9; read also *NRTN* pp.

1236-39)

Mar 17 **LATE VICTORIANS** (NRTN pp. 1635-37) & Oscar Wilde The Importance of

Being Earnest (NRTN pp. 1686-87, 1698-1740)

Week Ten

Mrs. Dalloway (pp. 3-50)

Mar 22 George Bernard Shaw Mrs. Warren's Profession (NRTN pp. 1743-90)

Mar 24 Gerard Manley Hopkins "God's Grandeur," "The Windhover," "Pied Beauty,"

"[Carrion Comfort]," "No Worst, There Is None," "I Wake and Feel the Fell of

Dark not Day" (NRTN pp. 1513-23)

Sum-Up Victorian Literature & Period



Week Eleven The Twentieth Century (1901-present)

Mrs. Dalloway (pp. 51-97)

Mar 29 THE TWENTIETH CENTURY AND AFTER (NRTN pp. 1848-50) Thomas Hardy

"Hap," "Channel Firing," "The Convergence of the Twain" (NRTN pp. 1851-52,

1868-69, 1877-79)

Mar 31 **VOICES FROM WORLD WAR I** (*NRTN* pp. 1954-55), Siegfried Sassoon

"The Rear-Guard," from *Memoirs of an Infantry Officer* & Wilfred Owen "Dulce Et Decorum Est," from *Owen's Letters to His Mother (NRTN* pp. 1960, 1963-64,

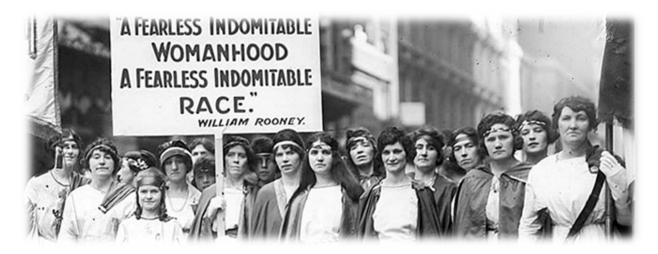
1971, 1974, 1979-80)

Week Twelve Mrs. Dalloway (pp. 98-148)

Apr 5 William Butler Yeats "When You Are Old," "The Second Coming," "Among

School Children" (*NRTN* pp. 2019-22, 2026, 2036-37, 2041-42); [Optional - Inclass viewing DVD 0282 W. B. Yeats Poetry: 1910-1939 (portion on "ASC")]

Apr 7 T. S. Eliot "The Wasteland," "Tradition and the Individual Talent" [T. S. ELIOT: VOICES AND VISIONS – Films on Demand, Opt.] (NRTN pp. 2294-2308, 2319-25) Modernist Manifestos (NRTN pp. 1996-98) & "Blast" (NRTN pp. 2009-15)



Week Thirteen

Mrs. Dalloway (pp. 149-194)

Apr 12 Virginia Woolf *A Room of One's Own* [Chs. 1-3 & final 2.25 pages], "Professions for Women" (*NRTN* pp. 2180-82, 2092-2122, 2152-55); and Mina Loy *Feminist Manifesto* (*NRTN* pp. 2015-19)

Week Fourteen

Apr 19 Virginia Woolf Mrs. Dalloway (pp. 3-194)

TBD Viewing Assignment: DVD 0060 Virginia Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway (58 min.)

Apr 21 Ngugi Wa Thiong'o from *Decolonising the Mind (NRTN* pp. 2535-39), Salman Rushdie "English is an Indian Literary Language" (*NRTN* pp. 2539-41), Kamau Brathwaite "[Nation Language]" (*NRTN* pp. 2523-27) & Derek Walcott "A Far Cry from Africa (*NRTN* pp. 2586-88)

Week Fifteen

Apr 26 Brian Friel *Translations (NRTN* pp. 2475-2523)

Apr 28 Nadine Gordimer "The Moment before the Gun Went Off" (NRTN pp. 2574-78)

Seamus Heaney "Punishment," (*NRTN* pp. 2822-24, 2826-27)

Sum-Up Twentieth-Century Literature & Period

FINAL EXAM: Tuesday, May 3, 10:30-1:00pm Short Paper Final Deadline (Early Submission Encouraged)

SUPPORT TEXTS for Literary Terms & Literary Analysis

Harmon & Holman. *A Handbook to Literature*. R803 H288h 1996 (on Reserve) *MLA Handbook*. 9th ed.

CLOSE READING ORGANIZER (CRO)

ANNOTATION & LITERARY ANALYSIS (CLOS 1, 2, 3, 4)

The *Literary Features* below will direct you to read closely and to annotate the literature. Your annotations in response to closely reading for these literary features will differ from work to work. These differences are enriching and important. Please welcome them instead of trying to minimize or erase them. Sharing your annotations and insights will be essential to our learning together as a reading community and will directly contribute to your success on exams. Discussion questions will also track with these *Frames of Literary Analysis*.

LITERARY FEATURES FOR ANNOTATION & ANALYSIS

- 1. GENRE (TYPE): what is the mode of the work: 1) fiction, non-fiction, poetry, drama? 2) what genre or genres within that mode describe the work: what kind of fiction (social realism, bildüngsroman, satire, stream-of-consciousness); what kind of non-fiction (essay, manifesto); what kind of poetry (lyric, narrative, elegy, ode); what kind of drama (tragedy, comedy, problem play, theater of the absurd)? 3) in what ways does the genre establish or complicate the primary messages (themes, effects, and/or intent) of the work?
- 2. Voice or Perspective (POV) (Teller): 1) who narrates this fiction, who speaks this poem, or who asserts this argument, what directs your attention in this play/drama? 2) how close to the voice is the teller: a character, observer, critic, speaker, lecturer, direction? if fiction, how would you classify the point of view (POV): first-person, third-person, limited omniscient, omniscient? 3) what is the nature of the voice: intrusive, consistent, multiple, prominent, self-effacing, reliable, etc.? 4) what is the tone (author's attitude toward the subject matter) of the piece?
- 3. OPPOSITIONS (TENSIONS): what primary tensions or internal contradictions arise in the work? how are oppositions presented, and to what end(s)? who or what is elevated/privileged or stigmatized/marginalized? what does the work, in its important characters/individuals/figures, aim to do? what observations can you make about any of the following structures or domains: family, childhood, adulthood, class, sexuality, gender, public and private spaces, work, home, rural and urban life, economics and wealth, morality, religion, education, art (aesthetics), science, technology, government, law, historical events, politics, leisure, health, medicine, etc.? what special relation do women or men or children have to any these issues (and how or why)? Always keep the literary period & historical/cultural context of the work clearly in mind as you read for oppositions.
- 4. STRUCTURE (TEXTURE): what are the work's parts, sections, patterns, forms, lengths, rhyme and/or meter (if poetry)? what beginnings and endings do you see within the book's entire structure? what double or multiple plots are running alongside one another in the book? what shifts in places or times do you see? what significant sections of a character's life or a community's life seem to organize the book?
- 5. STYLE (TEXTURE): what kind of language (diction, vocabulary, dialect, etc.) does the author use: formal, erudite, colloquial, lyrical, poetic, journalistic, etc.? what poetic or literary devices do you see in the piece (allusion, literary or high culture references, metaphoric language, imagery, symbolism, insertion of other artistic texts or literary forms, etc.)? how would you describe the author's overall literary artistry and what is its effect on the content and/or message(s) of the piece?