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English 2009G (Section 003)
Literature and Human Values: Labor, Class, Power

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Course time: MWF, 11-12 in Coleman 3160

Course Description:

We will consider various works of writers and other artists (filmmakers and musicians) who wrestle with profound questions of truth, justice, equality, and identity concerning the relationships between class structure, labor, and power systems in society and history.

Course Expectations:

- Students will complete all assigned readings on time.
- Enthusiastic discussion is required of all students!
- Students will complete brief online forum responses (via WebCT) to assigned readings and films.
- Students will write a two papers final term paper (5-7 pages each) and complete a midterm and final exam.

Grading:

- Two papers (5-7 pages each): 40% (20% each)
- Midterm & Final exams: 30% (15% each)
- Participation/discussion: 20%
- Forum responses: 10%

Required Texts:

- Sherwood Anderson, *Winesburg, Ohio*
- Willa Cather, "Paul's Case" and *O Pioneers!*
- William Maxwell, *So Long, See You Tomorrow*
- Paintings by Edward Hopper (presented in class)
- Alan Sillitoe, *Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner*
- Pat Barker, *Union Street*
- Martin Amis, *Money*
- Nick McDonnell, *Twelve*
- Kazuo Ishiguro, *Never Let Me Go*

Required Film Screenings:

- Oliver Stone, *Wall Street*
- Mathieu Kassovitz, *La Haine*
- Andrew Niccol, *Gattaca*

**Tentative Schedule - Literature and Human Values: Labor, Class, Power
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Date	What's Happening in Class	Homework
Mon., 8/22	Introduction to course	Start reading <i>Winesburg, Ohio</i> (stories to be assigned in class)
Wed., 8/24	Discuss <i>Winesburg, Ohio</i>	Read <i>Winesburg, Ohio</i> (stories to be assigned in class)
Fri., 8/26	Discuss <i>Winesburg, Ohio</i>	Read <i>Winesburg, Ohio</i> (stories to be assigned in class)
Mon., 8/29	Discuss final stories of <i>Winesburg, Ohio</i>	Read Cather's "Paul's Case"
Wed., 8/31	Discuss "Paul's Case"	Start reading <i>O Pioneers!</i>
Fri., 9/2	Discuss <i>O Pioneers!</i>	Continue reading <i>O Pioneers!</i>
Mon., 9/5	No Class – Labor Day	
Wed., 9/7	Discuss <i>O Pioneers!</i>	Continue reading <i>O Pioneers!</i>
Fri., 9/9	Discuss <i>O Pioneers!</i>	Finish reading <i>O Pioneers!</i>
Mon., 9/12	Discuss <i>O Pioneers!</i>	Start <i>So Long, See You Tomorrow</i>
Wed., 9/14	Discuss <i>So Long, See You Tomorrow</i>	Continue reading <i>So Long, See You Tomorrow</i>
Fri., 9/16	Discuss <i>So Long, See You Tomorrow</i>	Finish <i>So Long, See You Tomorrow</i>
Mon., 9/19	Discuss <i>So Long, See You Tomorrow</i>	
Wed., 9/21	Art of Edward Hopper	
Fri., 9/23	Art of Hopper	Start reading <i>Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner</i>
Mon., 9/26	Discuss <i>Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner</i>	Continue reading <i>Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner</i>
Wed., 9/28	Discuss <i>Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner</i>	Start reading <i>Union Street</i>
Fri., 9/30	Discuss <i>Union Street</i>	Continue reading <i>Union Street</i>
Mon., 10/3	Discuss <i>Union Street</i>	Continue reading <i>Union Street</i>
Wed., 10/5	Discuss <i>Union Street</i>	Finishing reading <i>Union Street</i>
Fri., 10/7	Finish discussion of <i>Union Street</i>	
Mon., 10/10	Start watching <i>Wall Street</i>	
Wed., 10/12	Watch <i>Wall Street</i>	
Fri., 10/14	Fall Break – No Class	
Mon., 10/17	Finish <i>Wall Street</i> ; begin discussion Paper #1 Due in class	
Wed., 10/19	Conclude discussion of <i>Wall Street</i>	Start reading <i>Money</i>
Fri., 10/21	Discuss <i>Money</i>	Continue reading <i>Money</i>
Mon., 10/24	Discuss <i>Money</i>	Continue reading <i>Money</i>
Wed., 10/26	Discuss <i>Money</i>	Continue reading <i>Money</i>
Fri., 10/28	Conclude discussion of <i>Money</i>	
Mon., 10/31	Midterm Exam	Start reading <i>Twelve</i>

Wed., 11/2	Discuss <i>Twelve</i>	Continue reading <i>Twelve</i>
Fri., 11/4	Discuss <i>Twelve</i>	Finish reading <i>Twelve</i>
Mon., 11/7	Conclude discussion of <i>Twelve</i>	
Wed., 11/9	Watch <i>La Haine</i>	
Fri., 11/11	Finish watching <i>La Haine</i>	
Mon., 11/14	Discuss <i>La Haine</i>	Start reading <i>Never Let Me Go</i>
Wed., 11/16	Conclude discussion of <i>La Haine</i> ; begin discussion of <i>Never Let Me Go</i>	Continue reading <i>Never Let Me Go</i>
Fri., 11/18	Discuss <i>Never Let Me Go</i>	Continue reading <i>Never Let Me Go</i>
Mon., 11/21-Fri., Nov. 25	No Classes – Thanksgiving Break	
Mon., 11/28	Discuss <i>Never Let Me Go</i>	Continue reading <i>Never Let Me Go</i>
Wed., 11/30	Discuss <i>Never Let Me Go</i>	Finish <i>Never Let Me Go</i>
	Conclude discussion of <i>Never Let Me Go</i>	
Mon., 12/5	Watch <i>Gattaca</i>	
Wed., 12/7	Finish watching <i>Gattaca</i>	
Fri., 12/9	Last Day of Class; Paper #2 Due Discuss <i>Gattaca</i>	

Final Exam: Wednesday, Dec. 14, 10.15-12.15 PM