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ENG 1002-011, 035: Literature and Composition

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English 1002G – Literature and Composition

Spring 2015
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Course Objectives
English 1002G is an introduction to the primary literary genres – poetry, drama, fiction, and film. After completing this course, you will have a broader understanding and (hopefully) a greater appreciation of these genres, and you will be able to write effective scholarly essays (in MLA form, of course) on these subjects.

Class Policy
You are responsible for all assigned material, and your grade will be determined on a 6 page and an 8 page paper (200 points each), midterm and final examinations (200 points each), a class journal (200 points), and any other assignments I may create. Late work will be downgraded 10% for each day (not class period) the assignment is overdue. Exams can only be made up with a verified excused absence.

Attendance
Attendance is required. Your grade will be lowered one letter after four unexcused absences, and eight or more unexcused absences will result in a grade of NC.

Grading
My grading scale is simple. At the end of the semester, I will divide your total points by the total number of points possible in the course. My grading scale is as follows:
A 90% and above
B 80% - 89.9%
C 70% - 79.9%
NC below 70%

Plagiarism
Don’t plagiarize. Offenders will receive a grade of zero on plagiarized assignment and will be referred to the friendly folks at Judicial Affairs.

Special Needs
Students who have special needs and seek accommodations should contact the Director of Disability Services at 581-6583.
Course Work

Week 1
Tuesday – course introduction

Week 2
Tuesday – poems of Elizabeth Bishop: “Manners,” 60; “The Fish,” 31
Thursday – Robert Browning, “My Last Duchess,” 180; Andrew Marvell, “To His Coy Mistress,” 80

Week 3

Week 4
Tuesday – Wilfred Owen, “Dulce et Decorum Est,” 121; e.e. cummings, “next to of course god america i,” 166; Randall Jarrell, “The Death of the Ball Turret Gunner,” 70
Thursday – Christopher Marlowe, “The Passionate Shepherd to His Love,” 511; Sir Walter Raleigh, “The Nymph’s Reply to the Shepherd,” 639

Week 5
Tuesday – poems of William Shakespeare: “Shall I compare thee to a summer’s day?” 248; “My mistress’ eyes are nothing like the sun” 248

Week 6
Tuesday – draft of first essay due, peer editing
Thursday – “Lysistrata”

Week 7
Tuesday – “Lysistrata” journals due
Thursday – “Lysistrata”

Week 8
Tuesday – midterm exam
Thursday – paper #1 due, introduction to the short story

Week 9
Tuesday – Toni Cade Bambara, “The Lesson”
Thursday – Raymond Carver, “What We Talk About When We Talk About Love”

Week 10
Thursday – Tim O’Brien, “The Things They Carried”

Week 11
Tuesday – Flannery O’Connor, “A Good Man Is Hard to Find”
Thursday – draft of second essay due, peer editing
Week 12
Tuesday – Edgar Allen Poe, “The Cask of Amontillado”
Thursday – Alice Walker, “Everyday Use”

Week 13
Tuesday – film TBA
Thursday – film TBA

Week 14
Tuesday – film TBA
Thursday – film TBA, journals due

Week 15
Tuesday – film TBA, paper #2 due
Thursday – semester review

THERE WILL BE A FINAL EXAMINATION IN THIS COURSE!