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ENG 3010-001: Masterworks of Literature

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Texts (in order as we will read them):

Tolstoy, War and Peace
Shakespeare, Othello
Hemingway, A Farewell to Arms
Bronte, Wuthering Heights
Homer, The Iliad
Woolf, To the Lighthouse

Films:

"Dr. Zhivago"
"The Dead"

Course Description:

This course has two main purposes: to teach you to read carefully and critically and to let you share in the sorrows and joys of some of our greatest writers and the characters they've created. You will do lots of reading in here so be prepared, and it will not be like reading TV Guide or People Magazine. Our theme is passion and our interest the emotional and intellectual lives of others as they struggle with the same hurts and issues as you.

There will be a quiz each class to help keep you up with the readings and to aid in making the class an experience we all share. I hate boring classes as much as you do, and if this becomes one, I'll cut, too.

Requirements and Grades:

1. class participation (20%)
2. daily quizzes (20%)
3. two papers, 3-5 pages each on assigned topics (20%)
4. comprehensive final exam (40%)

Reading Schedule:

Week 1: "Dr. Zhivago" (film)
Weeks 2-5: War and Peace
Week 6: Othello
Week 7: A Farewell to Arms
Week 8: Wuthering Heights
Week 9: "The Dead"
Weeks 10-12: The Iliad
Weeks 13-14: To the Lighthouse