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Fall 2002

Shakespeare 320

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Tuesday, Thursday, 8.10-9.30 a.m.

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Required Text

The Globe Illustrated Shakespeare

Requirements

Students are required to

- (a) attend classes regularly. More than two absences not explained to my satisfaction will result in a zero for attendance and class participation; leaving early without an explanation or arriving more than 10 minutes late will be considered an absence;
- (b) carefully read the assigned text, bring the text to class, and actively participate in discussion;
- (c) write two short papers (4-5 pages double-spaced typed), due in class ~~March 27 and~~ ~~respectively~~;
- (d) take a midterm exam;
- (e) take all quizzes and complete all assignments and tests.
- (f) make a five to seven minute class presentation, raising questions for discussion.

Quizzes on texts will be given in class.

Topics for papers must be decided in consultation with me.

Explanations for absences and for missed quizzes should be provided preferably in advance of or not later than one week after the absence, and should be accompanied by a medical certificate or other documentary evidence. Quizzes can be made up within a week, but not later. The midterm exam must be taken on the scheduled date. Except in the case of proven emergency documented to my satisfaction, papers handed in late without prior permission from me, will result in a decreased grade.

Grades

The two papers will be worth 20% each, class attendance and participation 15%, the midterm exam 20%, the class presentation 10%, and the quizzes 15%.

Papers and exams will be graded on the basis of (a) addressing the topic/question (b) having a clear thesis/argument (c) supporting the argument with adequate textual evidence (d) following the conventions of academic writing.

If you take this class for a letter grade, D is a passing grade. However, if you take this class Pass/Not Pass, you need to earn a C to pass since D is not a passing grade for Pass/Not Pass students.

If you have any condition, such as a physical or learning disability, that will make it difficult for you to complete the work as I have outlined it, please notify me in the first week of class.

Reading Schedule

This schedule is tentative. It is the student's responsibility to keep up with any changes.

- September 3 Introduction and background.
- September 5 As You Like It, Act I.
- September 10 As You Like It, Act II and Act III, scenes 1 and 2.
- September 12 As You Like It, Act III, scenes 3 and 4, Act IV.
- September 17 As You Like It, Act V. **Quiz on AYLI.**
- September 19 Measure for Measure, Act I and Act II, scene 1.
- September 24 Measure for Measure, Act II, scenes 2, 3, 4.
- September 26 Measure for Measure, Acts III and IV.
- October 1 Measure for Measure, Act V. **Quiz on Measure.**
- October 3 Hamlet, Act I.
- October 8 Hamlet, Act II.
- October 10 Hamlet, Act III
- October 15 Hamlet, Act IV.
- October 17 Hamlet, Act V. **Quiz on Hamlet. Hand in one-paragraph abstract of paper, in class.**
- October 22 Sonnets 1, 2, 18, 20, 29, 30, 34, 40, 41.
- October 24 Sonnets 52, 55, 57, 61, 65, 66, 75, 87, 110, 116.

- October 29 Sonnets 120, 121, 126, 128, 129, 130, 133, 138, 144. **Hand in paper, in class.**
- October 31 Antony and Cleopatra, Act I, Act II, scenes 1 and 2.
- November 5 Holiday
- November 7 Antony and Cleopatra, Act II, scenes 3-7, Act III, scenes 1-4.
- November 12 Antony and Cleopatra, Act III, scenes 5-13, Act IV, scenes 1-8.
- November 14 **Midterm exam.**
- November 19 Antony and Cleopatra, Act IV, scenes 9-15, Act V.
- November 21 The Winter's Tale, Act I.
- November 28 Thanksgiving Holiday.
- December 3 The Winter's Tale, Act II. **Hand in one-paragraph abstract of paper, in class.**
- December 5 The Winter's Tale, Act III.
- December 10 The Winter's Tale, Act IV.
- December 12 The Winter's Tale, Act V. **Hand in paper, in class.**