Fall/Winter 2021-2022

AP/EN 1006 3.0 O (W)	A Writer's Introduction to Literary Forms
Course Director: TA: Time: Delivery Format: (check one)	 B.W Powe 632 Atkinson Ext. 33775 e-mail – dmallen@yorku.ca <i>sjensen@yorku.ca</i> Thursday, 11:30am-2:30pm REMOTE – (synchronous delivery) – There are scheduled meeting times for this course. Students should plan to be available for course-related activities during the appointed times.
Description:	This course explores the experience and effect of reading significant literary works. Thus, this course will be about the inspiring and provocative nature of selected poems, short fiction, long fiction, and plays. Our emphasis will be on Modernism. Romanticism, and some aspects of post-Modernism. We will consider the way form shapes content: how does something expressed in a poem, in a lyric, differ from how a similar experience, thought, emotion, or dream might be expressed in a short story, a novel or a drama? This is a course devoted to learning how to read deeply, to delve into words and sentences, images and stories, tonalities and rhythms, the great beauty that is in a poem or a story or an essay or a play: we will be engaging the complex dynamism embodied in an expression of literary art. We will examine and explore how elements of form and intention shape the sublime effects of literary works. Our focus will be on the sublime (the wonder and strangeness of, say, Wuthering Heights), and the reader's reception of the work's ambiguities and complexities. This course is divided into four modules: prose non-fiction (the literary essay), poetry (traditional and modern forms of the lyric), prose fiction (short story and novel), and drama (plays). In each section we will reflect on how the structures and ambitions of a work contribute at once to our engagement with its impact and to the great long conversation that is the literary experience. The goals of this course include becoming familiar with <i>style</i> , <i>form, effect, conceit</i> (the original vision embodied in the work), and the lineage or the intertextual experience (how the work we read may be responding to other works). We'll explore the way form and style shape content; and how writers move their forms and styles to achieve and inspire moods and responses. We will work to make each student-reader comfortable with applying key critical perceptions to enable attentive readings of influential

	literary works of art. By the end of the course it is hoped the	
	students will understand how to engage the shapes and the	
	patterns, the styles and original voices and rhythms of a poer	n, a
	short story, a novel, a play, and a literary	
Category:	N/A	
Historical Requirement:		
Requirements:	1. Engagement with class readings 10%	
	2. Poetry/Short fiction test 20% (Remote)	
	3. Poetry Essay 20%	
	4. Final Essay 25% (on Fiction or Drama)	
	5. Final test 25% (Remote)	
	Participation	
	Student participation includes more than regular attendan	ce in
	the synchronic presentations and discussions. It includes bein	
	prepared to discuss the material by reading deeply and	
	considering what it is you are reading and retaining from the	
	lecture-discussions. It means engaging in the discussions in a	
	meaningful, constructive way. It means asking questions and	
	being prepared to respond to the questions that are posed. T	he
	discussions will provide an opportunity for student engageme	ent
	with the professor and with the writings on our course list.	
Reading List:	Reading List (This is the order of our readings.)	
J	1. Annie Dillard, <i>The Writing Life</i> (Harper Perennial) / Ra	iner
	Maria Rilke, Letters to a Young Poet (Vintage)	
	2. Selected poems in the lyric tradition (all easily availab	
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	 Hemingway, Ernest. <i>In our Time</i> (Scribner's) Bronte, Emily. <i>Wuthering Heights</i> (Penguin Classics or Oxford World Classics)
	 Shakespeare, William. <i>Hamlet</i> (Thomson or Penguin) Tom Stoppard. <i>Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead</i> (Grove Press)
	 Virginia Woolf, A Room of One's Own (Penguin); Northrop Frye, The Educated Imagination (Anansi) **All of these books are available at the York Bookstore.
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