

**English 116  
Fall 2012  
Professor Stork  
Fridays 900-1145**

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**Office Hours: M 830-1030, W 1615-1715 and by appointment**

This course is an introduction to the study of Myth in Literature. We will begin with an introduction to fairy tales and progress through Norse and Greco-Roman myths that have been influential in the Western tradition. We will also consider various critical and intellectual approaches to understanding mythology.

**Texts:**

*Classical Myth*, Barry Powell (5th or 6th edition are both fine)  
*The Classic Fairy Tales*, ed. Maria Tatar, Norton Critical Edition  
*The Saga of the Volsungs*, trans. Jesse Byock (an earlier version is available on-line)  
(all three are available used on Amazon.com)

Other texts to read on-line:

*Child's Ballads* (Wikisources): Numbers 2, 4, 19, 31, 37, 38, 39, 100

*Lanval* by Marie de France

*Fairy Stories* of Charles Perrault

Mercutio's "Queen Mab" speech from *Romeo and Juliet* (I, iv)

Please read the relevant texts in advance of class.

**Grading:**

Grades will be calculated as follows:

Homework/Classwork:	30%
Two Midterms:	40%
Final Paper:	30%

Late work can only be accepted in the case of genuine and compelling emergencies beyond your control. If you let me know as soon as possible about such an emergency, I will accept homework up to one week late.

Please see me if you need Disability Accommodations.

All work must be your own, particularly exams. I do not mind if you study and do homework together with another student(s), as long as you all contribute actively to the process.

## Schedule of Classes:

Aug	24	Child's Ballads 2, 4, 19, 31, 37, 38, 39, 100
	31	Marie de France, <i>Lanval</i> and Mercutio's Queen Mab speech
Sep	7	Charles Perrault, <i>Puss in Boots</i> and <i>Tom Thumb</i>
	14	<i>Classical Fairy Tales</i> : Little Red Riding Hood, Snow White
	21	<i>CFT</i> : Beauty and the Beast, Little Mermaid
	28	<i>CFT</i> : Bluebeard
Oct	5	<i>Saga of the Volsungs</i>
	12	<i>Volsungs</i> , Norse Creation Myths, Churning the Ocean of Milk
	19	<i>Classical Myth</i> , Ch. 1-4, Backgrounds and Myths of Creation: Zeus
	26	<i>CM</i> , Ch. 5 Myths of Creation: Origins of Mortals
Nov	2	<i>CM</i> , Ch. 6 and 7, Olympians, Zeus, Hera and Male Deities
	9	<i>CM</i> , Ch. 8, Olympians, the Female Deities
	16	<i>CM</i> , Ch. 9 and 10, Myths of Fertility: Demeter and Dionysus
	30	<i>CM</i> , Ch. 11, Myths of Death: Encounters with the Underworld
Dec	7	Final Class: Student Presentations of Paper Topics

Final Papers DUE: Friday, December 14 by noon