

English 56A
Survey of Early British Literature
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This class is one of the surveys required for the English major. We will cover early British literature, primarily poetry, starting with Old English and ending with Milton.

Late policy: Because there are only two papers and a final examination in this course, there is no provision for late work. Please plan your semester carefully.

There will be occasional in-class assignments to assess participation.

Please see me if you need disability accommodations.

Papers will be assessed for quality of research and quality of writing.

The final examination will consist of passages from the semester's reading for you to identify. Please read carefully over the entire semester.

Required Texts:

Elaine Traherne, *Old and Middle English Literature: An Anthology*, 2nd edition.
Blackwell Publishing.

Helen Gardner, *The Metaphysical Poets*, Penguin Paperback.

Recommended Text:

John Milton, *Paradise Lost*, A Norton Critical Edition.

Grading:

Class participation:	10%
Old English Word Study	30%
Middle English Project (Word Study and translation)	30%
Final Examination	30%

Schedule of Classes:

Jan	27	Introduction to Old English
	29	Caedmon
Feb	3	Wanderer
	5	Dream of the Rood
	10	Battle of Maldon
	12	Beowulf

- 17 Library visit – Introduction to OED, DOE, Old English Corpus
 19 In-class Discussion of Word Study assignment
- 24 No Class (Instructor Holiday – the rest of the university is open)
 26 Beowulf
- Mar 3 Beowulf
 5 Ubi Sount Qui Ante Nos Fuerount?, I Sing of One that is Matchless
- 10 Sir Orfeo OLD ENGLISH WORD STUDY DUE
 12 Wife of Bath’s Prologue and Tale
- 17 Wife of Bath
 19 Wife of Bath
- March 24, 26, 31 SPRING BREAK
- Apr 2 Southwell (all); Shakespeare (all); Wotton (all)
- 7 Donne, To his Mistris Going to Bed, Song: Goe and Catch a Falling Star,
 The Sunne Rising, Aire and Angels, A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning, At the
 round earth’s imagined corners, If poysonous minerals,
 9 Donne (continued); Kynaston (all) MIDDLE ENGLISH PROJECT DUE
- 14 Herbert: Easter-wings, Jordan (1), Vanitie, Vertue, Jordan (II), The
 Pulley
 16 Carew, An Elegie upon the death of Donne, To my inconstant Mistris,
 Habington (all)
- 21 Suckling (all); Crashaw, Hymn to St. Therea; Cowley, On the Death of
 Mr. Crashaw
 23 Lovelace, To Lucasta To Amarantha, To Althea; Marvell, On a Drop of
 Dew, Bermudas, The Mower to the Glo-Worms, The Garden
- 28 Vaughan, Regeneration, The Retreate, The Morning-watch, The World,
 They are all gone into the world of light, The Cock-crowing, The Water-fall
 30 Begin Milton, Paradise Lost, Book VII
- May 5 Paradise Lost, Book VIII
 7 Paradise Lost, Book IX
- May 12 Finish Paradise Lost
- Final Exam: Friday, May 16, 715-930 AM