

**English 56A**  
**Fall 2016**  
**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: Late papers will be accepted in the case of genuine and compelling emergencies for a full grade penalty and only up to one week late. 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 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 Text:

Elaine Traherne, *Old and Middle English Literature: An Anthology*, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Blackwell Publishing.

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:

Aug	24	Introduction
	27	Caedmon
	29	Wanderer
Sep	5	Labor Day (no class)
	7	Seafarer
	12	Dream of the Rood
	14	Battle of Maldon

- 19 Riddles  
21 Beowulf
- 26 Library visit – Introduction to OED, DOE, Old English Corpus  
28 In-class Discussion of OE Word Study assignment
- Oct 3 Beowulf  
5 Beowulf
- 10 Instructor Holiday (no class)  
12 Ubi Sount Qui Ante Nos Fuerount?, I Sing of One that is Matchless  
OLD ENGLISH WORD STUDY DUE
- 17 Sir Orfeo  
19 Wife of Bath's Tale
- 24 Fairy Lover ballads (text provided)  
26 Fairy Lover ballads
- 31 Fairy Lover ballads. Sir Thomas Wyatt: They Flee from Me
- Nov 2 Christopher Marlowe: Passionate Shepherd; Walter Raleigh: The Nymph's Reply to the Shepherd
- 7 John Donne: To his Mistris Going to Bed, Song: Goe and Catch a Falling Star, The Sunne Rising  
9 Donne: Aire and Angels, A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning  
MIDDLE ENGLISH PROJECT DUE
- 14 Donne sonnets: Batter my heart, At the round earth's imagined corners, If poysonous minerals, Death be not Proud  
16 Andrew Marvell: To His Coy Mistress, On a Drop of Dew
- 21 Marvell, Bermudas, The Mower to the Glo-Worms, The Garden  
23 Thanksgiving break (no class)
- 28 John Milton, Paradise Lost, Book I (lines 1-270)  
30 Paradise Lost, Book VII
- Dec 5 Paradise Lost, Book VIII  
7 Paradise Lost, Book IX
- 12 Finish Paradise Lost and review

Final Exam: Wednesday, December 14, 945-1200