

English 50 – Survey of British and American Literature: Beginnings to 1680
TR 1030-1145
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This course is a survey of British and American Literature in the English Language from the beginnings of Anglo-Saxon poetry to colonial America. It will consider changes in language, culture, history, genres, textual transmission, science and technology to achieve a greater understanding of the earliest literature in English. It is part of the required lower division sequence of survey courses for English majors.

Required Text:

Elaine Traherne, *Old and Middle English Literature: An Anthology*, 2nd or 3rd edition
Other texts are available on the Internet.

Grading:

Old English Word Study First Draft	10%
Old English Word Study Final Draft	20%
Middle English Word Study First Draft	10%
Middle English Word Study Final Draft	20%
Final Exam (includes take-home essay)	40%

Schedule of Classes:

Please read the assigned texts before class.

Aug	21	Introduction	
	23	Caedmon	
	28	Wanderer	
	30	Dream of the Rood	
Sep	4	Beowulf	
	6	Beowulf	<u>FIRST DRAFT of OE WORD STUDY DUE</u>
	11	Beowulf	
	13	workshop on OE word study	
	18	workshop on OE word study	
	20	workshop on OE word study	
	25	Sir Orfeo	<u>FINAL DRAFT OF OE WORD STUDY DUE</u>
	27	Wife of Bath's Tale	
Oct	2	Fairy Lovers (text provided)	
	4	Sir Gawain and the Green Knight	
	9	Instructor Holiday	
	11	SGGK	<u>FIRST DRAFT OF ME WORD STUDY DUE</u>
	16	workshop on ME word study	
	18	workshop on ME word study	
	23	workshop on ME word study	
	25	Marlowe, <i>Dr. Faustus B-Text</i>	<u>FINAL DRAFT OF ME WORD STUDY DUE</u>
	30	<i>Dr. Faustus B-Text</i>	
Nov	1	<i>Dr. Faustus B-Text</i>	
	6	John Donne, <i>Go and Catch a Falling Star, The Sun Rising, Air and Angels</i>	
	8	Donne, <i>A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning, The Flea, The Good Morrow,</i>	
	13	Marvell, <i>To His Coy Mistress, On a Drop of Dew, Bermudas</i>	
	15	Marvell, <i>The Mower's Song, The Mower to the Glow-Worms, The Garden</i>	
	20	<i>Paradise Lost, Book VII</i>	
	22	Thanksgiving	
	27	<i>Paradise Lost, Book IX</i>	
	29	John Winthrop, <i>A Model of Christian Charity</i> (sermon)	
BDec	4	Anne Bradstreet, <i>Author To Her Book, Of The Four Ages Of Man</i>	
	6	Review	

Final Exam: Wednesday, December 12, 945-1200