

Engl 125: Early European Literature  
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**Description:** This course surveys literature from our earliest texts through the emergence of the Renaissance. We will study a variety of genres: tragedy, comedy, narrative verse, lyric poetry, epic, romance, satire, and some non-fiction prose. Engl 125 is a 4-unit course. There are works that will be directly in class as well as supplemental readings that are the basis of supplemental essays on these readings; details provided in class.

**Requirements:** Each student must come to class fully prepared to discuss the assigned readings. Each student will sit for two hourly tests and a final examination; will compose three essays (two short, 3-4 pp, one long 8-10 pp, details provided in class), and will take reading quizzes, should they prove necessary. Grade percentages are: hour tests 15%; short essays 20%; long essay 25%; final exam 35%; and journal. 15%; Reader's journal as described below.

**Required Text:**

*Norton Anthology of Western Literature*, vol 1 (9<sup>th</sup> edition) [NA]

**SCHEDULE (subject to change)**

Jan	25: Introduction 30: Introduction, cont'd; Creation Narratives NA 26-44
Feb	01: cont'd 06: Early Greek Philosophy NA 45-53 08: Hebrew Bible NA 110-139 13: NA 139-180; SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAY #1 15: cont'd 20: TEST 22: TIMED ESSAY 27: Homer NA 189-243
Mar	01: Homer NA 243-291 06: Homer NA 291-344 08: Homer 344-436 13: Homer NA 436-526; SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAY #2 15: Homer NA 526-581 20: Aeschylus NA 609-660 22: Sophocles NA 660-706
Apr	03: Euripides NA 745-781 05: TEST 10: TIMED ESSAY 12: SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAY #3 17: Virgil 1149-1165 19: Dante NA 1595-1655 24: Dante, NA 1655-1719 26: SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAY #4
May	01: Montaigne NA 2317-2334 03: Montaigne:NA 2334-2352; 08 LAST CLASS; REVIEW; LONG ESSAY DUE 18: Final Exam (1445-1700)

**SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAY REQUIREMENT:**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAY #1; Greek literature: Aesop NA 582-594; Plato NA 826-865**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAY #2; Roman literature: Ovid NA 1090-1134**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAY #3; Medieval literature: *Thousand and One Arabian Nights* NA 1743-1794**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAY #4; Early modern literature: Petrarch NA 2068-2071**

**NB: This course is governed by the University's policies regarding academic honesty, policies which may be found in the University Catalog in print or on line. It is the current policy of the University to have every instance of academic dishonesty reported to the proper administrative department for disposition. *Verbum sapientia***