

English 50 – Survey of British and American Literature: Beginnings to 1680
TR 1330-1445 (1:30-2:45 pm)
Professor Stork
Office Hours: T 1500-1600, R 1200-1300

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 and technology to achieve a greater cultural 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%
Reading Response to Metaphysical Poets	10%
Final Exam	30%

Schedule of Classes:

Please read the assigned texts before class.

Jan	25	Introduction	
	30	Caedmon	
Feb	1	Wanderer	
	6	Seafarer	
	8	Battle of Maldon	
	13	Beowulf	
	15	Beowulf	<u>FIRST DRAFT of OE WORD STUDY DUE</u>
	20	Beowulf	
	22	Beowulf	
	27	Workshop on OE Word Study	

Mar	1	Workshop on OE Word Study
	6	Sir Orfeo <u>FINAL DRAFT OF OE WORD STUDY DUE</u>
	8	Wife of Bath's Tale
	13	Fairy Lovers (text provided)
	15	Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
	20	SGGK
	22	SGGK <u>First Draft of ME Word Study DUE</u>

March 24-30 SPRING BREAK

Apr	3	Workshop on ME Word Study
	5	Workshop on ME Word Study
	10	<u>Final Draft ME Word Study DUE</u>
		<i>John Donne, Go and Catch a Falling Star, The Sun Rising, Air and Angels</i>
	12	<i>Donne, A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning, The Flea, The Good Morrow, The Canonization</i>
	17	<i>Donne, At the round earth's imagined corners, if poisonous minerals, Batter my Heart, Death Be Not Proud</i>
	19	<i>Marvell, To His Coy Mistress, On a Drop of Dew, Bermudas</i>
	24	<i>Marvell, The Mower's Song, The Mower to the Glow-Worms, The Mower Against Gardens, The Garden</i>
	26	Reading Response to Donne and Marvell (in-class)

May	1	Milton, Paradise Lost, Book VII
	3	Milton, Paradise Lost, Book IX
	8	Anne Bradstreet, To My Dear And Loving Husband, In Reference To Her Children, Author To Her Book, Of The Four Ages Of Man
	10	Review

Final Exam: Wednesday, May 16, 1215-1430 (12:15 – 2:30 pm)