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**Course description:**

This course will elaborate on students’ primary knowledge of the poetry genre. It achieves its objective through selections of English poems. The periods covered are mainly the 19th and the 20th centuries. The course will introduce students to several schools of poetic expression, for example: Classical Poetry, The Age of Reason’s Poetry, Romantic Poetry and Modern Poetry preceding students’ reading of representative poems of both traditions.

**Course Objectives:**

* This course aims at familiarizing students with English poetry during the 19th and 20th centuries. In doing so, students get an insight into the factors affecting literary expression and the techniques of poetic expression.
* A poem per session will be read, explicated and finally assessed.
* A conclusive session should follow the readings in each poetic tradition in order to establish its common characteristics (compare and contrast).
* Practice critical samples of writing within a time limit in class (to avoid plagiarism).
* Think and write critically and creatively.
* Express one's own opinion in a written form.
* Explore a subject area and to make a judgement about a particular issue.
* Write an interesting, informative, authentic (not plagiarised) and coherently organised essay.

**References:**

* The Norton Anthology of English Literature (Available in library).
* The Norton Anthology of American Literature (Available in library).

**Online References:**

* **Course Website:** [**http://drorchida.wikispaces.com/ENG+324+Poetry**](http://drorchida.wikispaces.com/ENG+324+Poetry)
* BBC’s Animated English Timeline: http://www.bbc.co.uk/history /british/launch\_tl\_ages\_english
* <http://www.socsdteachers.org/tzenglish/literature_timeline_htm>
* <http://itc.gsw.edu/faculty/bdavis/ENGL21210timeline.htm>
* <http://timerime.com/timeline/130293>
* <http://ks.ac.kr/ycsuh/courses/engsurvey/engsurveyindex/timeline/timeline.htm>
* <http://www.google.com/search?q=timeline+of+english+literature&hl=en&rlz+IT4ADBF_enSA>

**Course evaluation:**

4 Coursework / homework assignments + preparation + class participation 15%

2 Quizzes 15%

Midterm (week 7) 30%

Final exam 40%

**Suggested Course Material:**

* Introduction to Poetry: Figures of Speech.
* Several ways of approaching a poem.
* Historical impact on poetry writing/analysis.
* The Age of Reason: Alexander Pope.
* Metaphysical Poetry.
* William Blake.
* The Romantic Movement: William Wordsworth, Lord Byron, and more.
* African American: Langston Hughes.
* Colonial Poetry.
* Modernism.

**Instructions:**

* Attendance is compulsory.
* You are expected to read the assigned works.
* You will be provided with explanatory notes.
* Students are expected to actively participate in the critical analysis of the assigned text material when they are in class.