

In the Name of God

Semester: Fall 1398-99

Course: English Poetry

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Course Objectives:

This course tries to open a new, and different view toward poetry, different from what the students have learned about poetry which is usually something mechanical and dealing with mainly paraphrasing poems. Instead, this course tries to invoke mainly an intimate and emotional reaction alongside with understanding. Poetry is usually considered the most undecipherable genre! Let's enjoy it this semester.

Course Syllabus:

- 23.06.1398** Introducing the course the poems collection and elaborating on term projects,
30.06.1398 understanding poetry: **reading and primary responding**, interpreting three assigned poems based on the students' primary response to them
06.07.1398 understanding poetry: **tone**, interpreting three assigned poems based on the tone of those poems
13.07.1398 understanding poetry: **Speaker**, interpreting three assigned poems based on the tone of those poems
20.07.1398 understanding poetry: **situation and setting**, interpreting three assigned poems based on the situation and setting of those poems
27.07.1398 **Official Holiday**
04.08.1398 understanding poetry: **precision and ambiguity**, interpreting three assigned poems based on the language of those poems
11.08.1398 understanding poetry: **metaphor and simile**, interpreting three assigned poems based on the language of those poems
18.08.1398 understanding poetry: **symbol**, interpreting three assigned poems based on the language of those poems
25.08.1398 understanding poetry: **internal structure**, interpreting three assigned poems based on their internal structure
02.09.1398 understanding poetry: **shape of a poem**, interpreting three assigned poems based on their external shape
09.09.1398 understanding poetry: **metre**, interpreting three assigned poems based on their metre
16.09.1398 understanding poetry: **metre**, interpreting three assigned poems based on their metre
23.09.1398 discussing some poems of the booklet
30.09.1398 term project presentation
07.10.1398 term conclusion

Grading

final exam	12/20
Participation in class discussions	2/20
Term project	6/20