

**ENG 203-World Literature
Folklore and the Literary Tradition
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Texts: All texts will be on reserve on site or available by Internet and will include traditional folk and fairy tales, national sagas and epics, medieval romances, poetry, drama, and prose.

Course Description: This course is a survey of selected works of traditional folklore and works of drama, poetry, and prose which exhibit folkloric influences from a variety of world literatures. Focus of the course is one the exploration of the contributions that folklore has made to great literature through the ages and the impact of folklore on our cultural environment.

Goals: To provide an awareness of the contributions of folklore to our literary and cultural experiences
To provide opportunities for refining skills in critical thinking, interpretation, and writing
To promote an appreciation for world literatures and cultures

Course Requirements:

1. Two tests including a mid-term exam and a final exam will be given. Tests will consist of short answer, quotation identification, and discussion questions. There may be some reading quizzes at the instructor's discretion. Make-up tests will only be allowed in the event of a dire emergency. The final exam cannot be made up. There will be no make-up quizzes.

2. Two critical response papers will be required for the course. The papers will be in response to a discussion question on one of the major works covered during the course and will be provided by the instructor. The paper will not require research.

3. Reading responses in the form of a series of questions about the reading assignments posed by the instructor will be required. The purpose of the responses will be to help the student with comprehension and to facilitate classroom discussion. **These responses cannot be made up.**

Method of Evaluation: Grades are assigned as follows:

Exams – 25% each; Total – 50%

Essays – 15each; Total – 30%

Responses – 20%

Grading Scale: A=100-91, B=90-81, C=80-71, D=70-61, F=60

Notes

Attendance Policy: All students are expected to attend class and all required field excursions and events for the program. They are allowed a maximum of two absences (excused or unexcused). Additional absences will result in the lowering of the student's final course grade by ½ letter grade. Three late arrivals will equal one absence. Roll will be taken at the beginning of every class period.

ADA Statement: If a student has a disability that qualifies under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and requires accommodations, he/she should contact the Office for Disability Accommodations (ODA) for information on appropriate policies and procedures. Disabilities covered by ADA may include learning, psychiatric, or physical disabilities, or chronic health disorders. Students should contact ODA if they are not certain whether a medical condition or disability qualifies.

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