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***Course description:* English 211 Survey of British Literature: From Beginnings to 1750**

Basic survey of British literature from its beginnings in the ninth century to 1750. Study of the major literary works and authors in British history. Emphasis on developing themes, styles, and structures. Highly recommended for future English majors. Recommended for students of history and the arts. Prerequisite: ENGL 101.

***Objectives:***

Students will exhibit their understanding of a variety of genre—poetry, short and long fiction, drama, and essays—through analytical long and short responses to literature.

***Expectations:***

Although this is an online course, freeing students from commuting and sitting in a classroom at a designated time, students are expected to participate effectively by punctually submitting assignments, participating in online discussions, and communicating regularly with the instructor. This is not a self-paced learning experience.

Three long papers (1000-1500 words)—addressing set questions, analyzing features of the literature, utilizing current standards for academic documentation, incorporating specific reference to a variety of literature. Papers will exhibit conventions of standard written English, organized in a cohesive and focused manner. 60% of final grade. These papers are due in sessions 7, 10, and 14.

Weekly responses to assigned reading (500 words)—less formal reader response. Questions will be posed, but students may respond in a manner appropriate to the texts they are reading. 30% of final grade

Regular participation in forum discussions—two or more responses/exchanges with other students in the class. 10% of final grade

***Texts:***

Links to the shorter pieces of literature and some essays are provided in the reading list/schedule and in each of the sessions.

Recommended: Diana Hacker, *Rules for Writers*. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2004.

**Plagiarism** is the academic offense of presenting work as your own that was written by someone else. Evidence of plagiarism will result in a failing grade and referral to College administration.