

English 3404x  
TuTh 1:10-3  
Mr. Marx

Pastoral and Utopia: Visionary Conceptions of The Good Life

SYLLABUS

Homework: All students are expected to write one short paper (no more than 4 pages) to be submitted on November 6, and to complete one creative project (not excluding a scholarly paper) to be submitted on December 18. A list of suggested paper topics and of ideas for projects will be distributed in the next few weeks.

Readings: There are no exams in this course; hence no distinction between required and recommended readings. All the books listed below are available on reserve in the College Library and can be purchased in the Paperback Forum.

SCHEDULE

- Thurs. Sept. 25     Introduction: The Vision of the Other World  
W. Blake: Letter to Thomas Butts, 2 October 1800  
T. Traherne: "The Salutation," "Wonder," "Eden," "Innocence"  
J.R.R. Tolkien: Lord of the Rings, vol. 1, pp. 439-492  
Donavan: Gift from a Flower to a Garden
- Tues. Sept. 30     The History of the Idea and the Literature of Innocence  
Thurs. Oct. 2  
A.O. Lovejoy: Primitivism and Related Ideas in Antiquity,  
Introduction  
Northrop Frye: Anatomy of Criticism  
Tolkien: "On Fairy Stories" in The Tolkien Reader  
F. Schiller: Letters on the Aesthetic Education of Man
- Oct. 7,9,14     Versions of Pastoral  
Marlow: "The Passionate Shepherd" (handout)  
Raleigh: "The Nymph's Reply" (handout)  
Edmund Spenser: The Shepheardes Calendar, "February,"  
"May," "December"  
Shakespeare: As You Like It  
Longus: Daphnis and Chloe
- Oct. 16,21,23     The Literature of Infancy and Childhood  
Wordsworth: The Prelude  
Blake: "Songs of Innocence"  
Rimbaud: Selected poems  
Proust: "Combray" in Swann's Way  
J.D. Salinger: Nine Stories  
Vladimir Nabokov: Speak Memory  
J.M. Barrie: "Peter Pan"  
A. Marvell: Selected poems



Oct. 28, 30  
Nov. 6

One with Nature

A.O. Lovejoy, op.cit.  
E. Hemingway, "Big Two Hearted River" (from In Our Time)  
Thoreau, Walden  
Gary Snyder, Earth House Hold  
The Back Country

Bradford Angier, How to Stay Alive in the Woods

Nov. 11, 13, 18

Body Mysticism and Sexual Utopia

Solomon, "The Song of Songs"  
Blake, "Visions of the Daughters of Albion"  
W. Whitman, "Children of Adam"  
F. Newman, Barbara  
Sade, Philosophy in the Bedroom

Nov. 20, 25

Varieties of Exoticism

Odyssey, Books ix-xii  
Diderot, "Supplement to DeBougainville's Voyages"  
C. Levi-Strauss, Tristes Tropiques  
R. Daumal, Mount Analog

Dec. 2, 4, 9

Utopiates

Baudelaire, Les Paradis Artificiels  
Alan Watts, The Joyous Cosmology  
C. Castaneda, The Teachings of Don Juan

Dec. 11, 16, 18

Pastoral Utopias

William Morris, News from Nowhere  
Aldous Huxley, Island  
Paul Goodman, "Rural Life, 1984" in Like a Conquered Province