

Prof. Pericles Lewis
English 129b
MW 2:30-3:45

The Epic Tradition

- Jan. M10 Homer, *Odyssey*, trans. Fitzgerald, Book 1
W12 *Odyssey*, Books 2-8
W12 4:00 P.M., L-C 102, Lecture on the *Odyssey* by Michael Anderson
- M17 *Odyssey*, Books 9-16
W19 *Odyssey*, Books 17-24
- M24 Virgil, *Aeneid*, trans. Fitzgerald, Books 1-3
W26 *Aeneid*, Books 4-6
W26 4:00 P.M., L-C 102, Lecture on the *Aeneid* by Howard Stern
- F28 Papers on the *Odyssey* due by 4:00 p.m. in my box, 105 Connecticut Hall
- M31 *Aeneid*, Books 7-9
Feb. W3 *Aeneid*, Books 10-12
- M7 Dante, *Inferno*, trans. Mandelbaum, Cantos 1-8
W9 *Inferno*, Cantos 9-16
W9 4:00 P.M., L-C 102, Lecture on the *Inferno* by Giuseppe Mazzotta
- F11 Papers on the *Aeneid* due by 4:00 p.m. in my box, 105 Connecticut Hall
- M14 *Inferno*, Cantos 17-24
W16 *Inferno*, Cantos 25-end
- M21 Cervantes, *Don Quixote*, trans. Starkie, Part One, chapters 1-10
W23 *Don Quixote*, Part One, chapters 15-22, 25, and 36-42
W23 4:00 P.M., L-C 102, Lecture on *Don Quixote* by David Quint
- F26 Papers on the *Inferno* due by 4:00 p.m. in my box, 105 Connecticut Hall
- M28 *Don Quixote*, Part One, chapters 43-52
Mar. W1 *Don Quixote*, Part Two, chapters 1-4, 10, 17, 22-23, 30, 33, 64-65, 74
- M20 George Eliot, *Middlemarch*, ed. Haight, books one to two
W22 *Middlemarch*, books three to four
- F24 Papers on *Don Quixote* due by 4:00 p.m. in my box, 105 Connecticut Hall
- M27 *Middlemarch*, books five to six
W29 *Middlemarch*, books seven to eight

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| W29 | 4:00 P.M., L-C 102, Lecture on <i>Ulysses</i> by Laura Frost |
| Apr. M3 | James Joyce, <i>Ulysses</i> 1-3 |
| W5 | <i>Ulysses</i> 4-6 |
| F7 | Papers on <i>Middlemarch</i> due by 4:00 p.m. in my box, 105 Connecticut Hall |
| Apr. M10 | <i>Ulysses</i> 7-9 |
| W12 | <i>Ulysses</i> 10-12 |
| M17 | <i>Ulysses</i> 13-15 |
| W19 | <i>Ulysses</i> 16-18 |
| F28 | Papers on <i>Ulysses</i> due by 4:00 p.m. in my box, 105 Connecticut Hall |
| May Sunday 7 | 2:00 p.m., Final Exam |

Participation and Written Questions

As a seminar, this course depends on the active participation of individual students. It is also essential to keep up on the reading. You should start *Don Quixote* early, since it is the longest of the texts we will be reading and falls in our schedule at mid-term time. For each class, a group of students will be designated to email me a set of three questions or a one-paragraph response to that day's reading. Please send the questions by 2:00 a.m. on the day of the class to pericles.lewis@yale.edu. The questions should be of the type that can stimulate discussion. They may include responses to the lectures.

Attendance at class is mandatory, except in cases of religious observances, serious illness, or family emergencies. Timeliness is essential. I will deduct grades for students who are absent without a reasonable excuse or are frequently late.

Grades

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| Written questions, attendance, participation | 20% |
| Four 5-page papers | 50% |
| Final examination, Sunday, May 9 at 2:00 p.m. | 30% |

Students must write four papers, of 4 to 6 pages each. At least one must deal with the *Odyssey* or the *Aeneid*. At least one must deal with *Ulysses*. The others may deal with any of the assigned texts (a due date for each possible paper is listed on the schedule above). I will suggest topics, but you are free to come up with your own.

Office Hours

MW1:25-2:25; other times by appointment.

My office is room 203, Connecticut Hall. Telephone 432-4752.

In order to be certain of having plenty of time to talk during my office hours, please set up an appointment a few days in advance. However, feel free just to drop by for brief questions. I look forward to meeting with each of you.

