

TRAVEL FICTIONS

FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR

K10.0043

TR 2:00-3:15

Steve Hutkins

REQUIRED TEXTS

- James, Henry. *Daisy Miller* (1878). Penguin
- Conrad, Joseph. *Heart of Darkness* (1902). Modern Library
- Mann, Thomas. *Death in Venice* (1912). Harper Collins
- Hemingway, Ernest. *The Sun Also Rises* (1926). Simon & Schuster
- Bowles, Paul. *The Sheltering Sky* (1949). Harper Collins
- Kerouac, Jack. *On the Road* (1957). Penguin
- Hazzard, Shirley. *Evening of the Holiday* (1966). VHPS
- McEwan, Ian. *The Comfort of Strangers* (1981). Random House
- Theroux, Paul. *Mosquito Coast* (1982). Mariner
- Guo, Xiaolu. *A Concise Chinese English Dictionary* (2007). Anchor

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

Tuesday	Assignment	Thursday	Assignment
Week 1	Introduction		
Sept. 2	Travel: Myths & Motifs; "Questions of Travel"	Sept. 4	Travel stories
Week 2 – 3	INNOCENTS ABROAD		
Sept. 9	Daisy Miller	Sept. 11	Daisy Miller
Sept. 16	The Sun Also Rises	Sept. 18	The Sun Also Rises
Week 4 - 6	HIPSTERS AMONG THE FELAHEEN		
Sept. 23	Sheltering Sky	Sept. 25	Sheltering Sky
Sept. 30	On the Road	Oct. 2	On the Road

Oct. 7	Articles on travel	Oct. 9	Midterm due
Week 7 - 9		THE LIGHT OF CIVILIZATION	
Oct. 14	No class	Oct. 16	Heart of Darkness
Oct. 21	Heart of Darkness	Oct. 23	Mosquito Coast
Oct. 28	Mosquito Coast	Oct. 30	Mosquito Coast
Week 10 - 11		TOURIST TRAPS	
Nov. 4	Death in Venice	Nov. 6	Death in Venice
Nov. 11	The Comfort of Strangers	Nov. 13	The Comfort of Strangers
Week 12 - 15		THE ROMANCE OF TRAVEL	
Nov. 18	Evening of the Holiday	Nov. 20	Evening of the Holiday
Nov. 25	TBA	Thanksgiving	
Dec. 2	A Concise Dictionary	Dec. 4	A Concise Dictionary
Dec. 7	Final Paper Due	Dec. 11	Conclusion

REQUIREMENTS

1. In class: quizzes, participation, attendance. (20% of final grade)
 2. Weekly blog-essay writing (40%)
 2. Two 8-page papers: midterm and final (40%)
- (No Incomplete grades.)

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