

Travel Fictions

Gallatin School, NYU
 Fall 2009, K10.0043, TR 2:00-3:15
 715 Broadway, Room 401
 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
 Mahfouz, Naguib. *Journey of Ibn Fattouma* (1992). Anchor
 Murakami, Haruki. *Sputnik Sweetheart* (2002). Vintage
 Guo, Xiaolu. *A Concise Chinese English Dictionary* (2007). Anchor

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

Tuesday	Assignment	Thursday	Assignment
Week 1: Introduction			
Sept. 8	Questions of Travel	Sept. 10	Huxley & Iyer essays; Travel stories
Week 2 – 4: INNOCENTS ABROAD			
Sept. 15	Daisy Miller	Sept. 17	Daisy Miller
Sept. 22	The Sun Also Rises	Sept. 24	The Sun Also Rises
Sept. 29	Evening of the Holiday	Oct. 1	Evening of the Holiday
Week 5 – 8: ENCOUNTER WITH OTHERS			
Oct. 6	Heart of Darkness	Oct. 8	Heart of Darkness
Oct. 13	Sheltering Sky	Oct. 15	Sheltering Sky
Oct. 20	On the Road	Oct. 22	On the Road
Oct. 27	Articles on travel	Oct. 29	Midterm due
Week 9 – 10: TOURIST TRAPS			
Nov. 3	Death in Venice	Nov. 5	Death in Venice
Nov. 10	The Comfort of Strangers	Nov. 11	The Comfort of Strangers
Week 11 – 15: THE ROMANCE OF TRAVEL			
Nov. 17	Journey of Ibn Fattouma	Nov. 19	Journey of Ibn Fattouma
Nov. 24	TBA	Nov. 26	Thanksgiving
Dec. 1	Concise Chinese English Dictionary	Dec. 8	Concise Chinese English Dictionary
Dec. 8	Sputnik Sweetheart	Dec. 10	Sputnik Sweetheart
Dec. 15	Conclusion		

REQUIREMENTS

1. In class: attendance, quizzes, participation, etc. (20% of final grade)
2. Eleven blog posts (one on each book, approx. 400 words each) (40%)
3. Eleven comments on other posts (one on each book, approx. 100 words each) (10%)
4. Two longer papers (1200 words): midterm due Oct. 29 and final due Dec. 15 (30%)

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Office Hours: Tues. and Thurs., 9:30 – 11, 3:30 – 5:00; also, 12:30 - 2 and 5 - 6, by appointment only.

POLICIES

Deadlines

The blog posts are usually due on Monday night so there's time to read them over before class on Tuesday. The comments on other people's posts are due Wednesday night so there's time to read them over before class on Thursday. (These are important deadlines, and the website makes it easy to track them.)

Plagiarism

In writing your posts, you are encouraged to copy and paste quotations from scholarly articles and other websites, but it is extremely important that you cite your source (author or title) and provide a link to it. The blog posts are a form of academic writing, and plagiarism is a serious violation of the rules of academic integrity.

Attendance

The class is a discussion seminar, so attendance is very important. One or two absences are fine, but more than that will affect the final grade (with the exception of illness). It is not necessary to notify the instructor about your absences, unless you are having issues.

Swine flu

The university asks faculty to be as flexible as possible with absences and assignment problems that arise due to the flu. If you think you have the flu, do not come to class. If you come to class visibly ill, you will be asked to return home or to your residence hall. If you are concerned about your illness, call the NYU Student Health Center at 212-443-1000.