

Grande Prairie Regional College
English 2850
King James Bible in English Literature
6(3-0-0)

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prerequisite: 6 credits of junior English.

Course Description:

This course asserts the claim of the King James Bible to a supreme position in English literature in two ways: first, by regarding the King James Bible as an encyclopedic book of various literary genres; and second, by considering it as the single most important source of myth and symbols for English authors. Also the influence of biblical themes and images on writers ranging from Shakespeare to T.S. Eliot will be uncovered.

Objective:

The objective of this course is to develop the student's ability to use the usual techniques of literary criticism to the study of the Old and New Testaments.

Students will be required to write two formal essays each semester, a midterm in December, and a final in April.

Required Text:

King James Bible
Shakespeare, William. Hamlet
Bunyan, John. Pilgrim's Progress

Term Works Assignment Schedule:

First Essay	2500 word essay	25% (Nov. 06)
Second Essay	2500 word essay	25% (Feb. 05)
Class participation		10%
Presentations		10%
Mid-term		10%
Final Exam		20%

Tentative Course schedule

Sept. 11 Course Introduction
Sept. 18 Genesis
Sept. 25 Genesis
Oct. 02 Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
Oct. 09 Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
Oct. 16 Joshua, Judges, Ruth
Oct. 23 Joshua, Judges, Ruth
Oct. 30 First and Second Samual
Nov. 06 First and Second Kings (FIRST ESSAY DUE)
Nov. 13 Esther
Nov. 20 Job
Nov. 27 Psalms
Dec. 04 Mid-Term Exam
Jan. 08 Proverbs
Jan. 15 Ecclesiastes
Jan. 22 The Song of Solomon
Jan. 29 Daniel, Jonah
Feb. 05 Luke (SECOND ESSAY DUE)
Feb. 12 Corinthians (1&2)
Feb. 19 Revelation
Feb. 26 (WINTER BREAK)
March 05 Hamlet
March 12 Hamlet
March 19 Pilgrim's Progress
March 26 Pilgrim's Progress
April 02 T/B
April 09 FINAL EXAM