

Grande Prairie Regional College
English 3080
Native Literature
Winter 2000

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Course Description

This course will examine the literary production of native people from Canada (and the United States) in a variety of genres: oral literature, poetry, short fiction, novels, drama, and political writing.

Course Objectives

In this course we will consider the different ways of interpreting Native writing: as a retelling of traditional tribal stories and themes; as a critical commentary on the Native's person's place in Canadian society; or as highly experimental reworking of traditional and contemporary influences.

Required Text:

Our Bit of Truth
The White Roots of Peace
The Rez Sisters
Medicine River
Indian Legends of Canada
Prison of Grass

Term Work

Two Essays: each worth	25%
Two seminars: each worth	15%
Final in-class essay	20%

Tentative Schedule

Jan.	04	Introduction	
Jan.	11	Our Bit of Truth	(chapter 1)
Jan.	18	Our Bit of Truth	(chapter 5)
Jan.	25	Prison of Grass	
Feb.	01	Indian Legends of Canada	
Feb.	08	Medicine River	
Feb.	16	Rez Sisters	(FIRST ESSAY DUE)
Feb.	22	(Winter Break)	
Feb.	29	The White Roots of Peace	
March	07	Medicine River	
March	14	Our Bit of Truth	(SECOND ESSAY DUE)
March	21	Our Bit of Truth	
March	28	TBA	
April	04	TBA	
April	11	In Class Essay	