

KAP SYLLABUS
2010-2011

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Summer reading: *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy

August/September

Discussion and assessment over *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*
Paper #1 – *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*
Oedipus Rex - Sophocles
Writing college essays
Paper #2 – College essay

October

Anglo-Saxon and Medieval Periods
Beowulf
Canterbury Tales – Chaucer
Poetry (including work by W.S. Merwin)
Paper #3 – Poetry Explication

November

The Renaissance
Sonnets
Paper/presentation #3 – Shakespeare's sonnets
Hamlet – William Shakespeare
Paper #4 – *Hamlet* film analysis

December

Macbeth – William Shakespeare
Paper #5 - *Macbeth*
Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen (to be finished over break)

January

Discussion and assessment over *Pride and Prejudice*

The Romantics

Blake, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Byron, Shelley, Keats

Midterm exam

Night – Elie Wiesel

Paper #6 – Research paper due

February

Persepolis – Marjane Satrapi

Kite Runner – Khaled Hosseini

Paper #7 – *Kite Runner*

March

Heart of Darkness – Joseph Conrad

Paper #8 – *Heart of Darkness*

April

Beloved – Toni Morrison

Paper #9 – *Beloved*

May

Dubliners – James Joyce

Paper/presentation #10 – *Dubliners*

Final Exam

Please note that this syllabus does not include grammar review, vocabulary study, or writing improvement, all of which are important parts of the course.

** Additional note: This syllabus may be changed at any time in response to scheduling issues, book availability, etc. We have not been given the dates for Kenyon lectures and workshops in which we will participate, which may change plans as well. We will notify you of any revisions as soon as possible. **