

KAP SYLLABUS
2011-2012

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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

Persepolis – Marjane Satrapi
Poetry
Paper #3 – Poetry Explication
Sonnets
Paper/presentation #4 – Shakespeare's sonnets

November

Hamlet – William Shakespeare
Paper #5 – *Hamlet* film analysis

December

Macbeth – William Shakespeare
Paper #6 - *Macbeth*
Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen

January

Midterm exam
Night – Elie Wiesel
Paper #7 – Research paper due

February

Heart of Darkness – Joseph Conrad
Paper #8 – *Heart of Darkness*

March

Things Fall Apart – Chinua Achebe

Beloved – Toni Morrison

Paper #9 – *Beloved*

April

Beowulf

Canterbury Tales selections – Geoffrey Chaucer

Kite Runner – Khaled Hosseini

May

Paper #10 – *Kite Runner*

Dubliners – James Joyce

Paper/Presentation #11 - *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. Also, we may be working with some pieces by Simon Schama, who will be honored for his literary achievements by Kenyon College this year.

** Additional note: This syllabus may be changed at any time in response to scheduling issues, book availability, etc. I will notify you of any revisions as soon as possible. **