2017 – 2018

ENGLISH LITERATURE

FOURTH YEAR

CORE PERIOD COURSES

(These courses are elective and each is worth 20 credits)

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English Literature Fourth Year
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Global Modernisms: Inter/National Responses to Modernity

This course focuses on the relationship between modernity and modernism: the social and cultural phenomena that constitute twentieth-century life across a range of global contexts, and the aesthetic response to these unevenly distributed phenomena. Students will consider the ways that writers engage with, and react against, the status quo, in terms of both literary tradition and the social and political upheavals that manifested themselves in the early part of the century through processes such as industrialisation, migration and urbanisation.

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<td>Gertrude Stein and H.D. (selections)</td>
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<td>Virginia Woolf, <em>Orlando</em></td>
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<td>Jean Rhys, <em>Voyage in the Dark</em></td>
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<td>Mulk Raj Anand, <em>Conversations in Bloomsbury</em></td>
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<td>C.L.R. James, <em>Letters from London</em></td>
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<td>Claude McKay and P.K. Page (selected poems)</td>
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<td>Patrick White, <em>The Twyborn Affair</em></td>
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**Recommended Further Reading**


Modern ideas of ‘Victorian values' depend upon clichés and distortions of Victorian ideas of love: reverence for the nuclear family combined with prudishness and prurience; marriage plots, covered table-legs and scandal sheets publishing the dirty secrets of the divorce courts. This course offers students the opportunity to discover the complex and diverse forms of Victorian interpersonal relationship, through close examination of a range of poetry, prose and drama. Prudes, perverts, and perfect families will be encountered, but so too will bigamists, emancipated women, loving and unloving patrons, unhappy families, passionate friendships, failed marriages, and families of choice. The construction and subversion of gender norms, and the impact of factors such as class, education, locale, and religion on the way love is understood as normative or perverse, will be major themes of the course.

Poetry, plays and some supplementary readings for the course will be provided via LEARN. Students are expected to use the following critical editions. Other editions do not contain the same critical material or use different copy texts:

*Jane Eyre* (Norton)
*Aurora Leigh* (Norton)
*The Mill on the Floss* (Norton)
*Great Expectations* (Norton)
*Modern Love* (Yale University Press edition: access via LEARN or DiscoverEd)
*Tess of the d'Urbervilles* (Oxford)
*New Grub Street* (Oxford)

We recommend you read ahead for this course, particularly the longer texts - the novels and *Aurora Leigh*.

**Seminar Schedule**

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<th>Elizabeth Barrett Browning, <em>Aurora Leigh</em> (1857)</th>
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**Recommended Further Reading:**


Brooks, Peter, *Realist Vision* (Yale University Press, 2005)
Ledger, Sally, *The New Woman: Fiction and Feminism at the Fin de Siècle* (Manchester University Press, 1997)
Ledger, Sally, and Roger Luckhurst, eds., *The Fin de Siècle: A Reader in Cultural History c.1880-1900* (Oxford University Press, 2000)
Modernism, Myth, and Romance 1880-1940 *

This course addresses the origins of Anglo-American modernism in the late nineteenth century's special interest in traditional narrative forms of 'myth' and 'romance', and the systems of thought that they embodied; an interest that was particularly acute among Scottish and Irish authors. This re-evaluation of the archaic, and its tropes of ordeal, rebirth and renewal, provided inspiration for the more radical experiments of the next generation in their efforts to recover or reinvent civilizational continuity in the aftermath of the Great War. This course will therefore examine 'myth' and 'romance', not as a source of timeless archetypes representing an ahistorical human nature, but as a strategic resource on which writers draw in grappling with the disruptions and dislocations of modernity.

Syllabus:


Part I. Myth and Romance in fin de siècle Scotland and Ireland

Week 2. R.L. Stevenson, 'The Merry Men' (1882); The Master of Ballantrae (1889)

Week 3. W.B. Yeats, poems from The Rose (1893) and The Wind Among the Reeds (1899); W.B. Yeats and Lady Gregory, Cathleen ni Houlihan (1907).

Part II. Myth and Modernism

Week 4. H.D., poems selected from 1916–1924

Week 5. James Joyce, from Ulysses (1922)

Week 6. T.S. Eliot, The Waste Land (1922); extracts from Hugh MacDiarmid, A Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle (1926)

Week 7. W.B. Yeats, poems from The Tower (1928)

Week 8. ESSAY COMPLETION WEEK

Part III. After Modernism

Week 9. Naomi Mitchison, The Delicate Fire (1933)

Week 10. David Jones, In Parenthesis (1936)

Reading List

Compulsory:


All other texts will be taken from *The Norton Anthology of English Literature* or supplied via Learn.

Recommended:

Lowell, Amy, *Tendencies in Modern American Poetry*. New York: Macmillan, 1917. (chapter on imagism). This is online
The Novel in the Romantic Period: Gender, Gothic, and the Nation *

This course addresses the politics of the novel at a crucial stage in its development, namely the four decades after the French Revolution in 1789. It examines the way in which the formal resources of the novel were utilized to stage the conflict between the Enlightenment's assumption of a universal human nature, which was seen as underlying the ideology of radicalism in France, and reactionary discourses of tradition, nation, and culture.

Syllabus:

Week 1.
Introduction

Week 2.
Ann Radcliffe, *A Sicilian Romance* (1790)

Week 3.
M.G. Lewis, *The Monk* (1796)

Week 4.
William Godwin, *Caleb Williams* (1794)

Week 5.
Mary Wollstonecraft, *Mary: A Fiction* (1788) and *The Wrongs of Women, Or Maria* (1798)

Week 6.
Jane Austen, *Northanger Abbey* (1817)

Week 7.
Maria Edgeworth, *Castle Rackrent* (1801)

Week 8.
ESSAY COMPLETION WEEK

Week 9.
Walter Scott, *Waverley* (1814)

Week 10.
Thomas Love Peacock, *Nightmare Abbey* (1818)

Week 11.
Thomas Carlyle, *Sartor Resartus* (1836)
**Reading List**

**Compulsory:**


**Recommended:**


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**Victorian Transatlanticism**

This course will look at Transatlantic literary exchanges the Americas and Britain from the early 19th-century to the early 20th-century. Considering works across all major genres, attention will be paid to the ways in which North American & British writers responded to and represented each other's social, political and artistic cultures, and to the variety of literary modes they deployed to do this. The course will concern itself with questions of cultural authority, relationships with the past, cosmopolitanism, slavery and its abolition, gender politics, and the advent of detective fiction, among other things.

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<td>Imagining the Other II: Charles Dickens, American Notes: for General Circulation (Penguin 2000)</td>
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<td>Slavery and Abolitionism: Frederick Douglass, My Bondage and My Freedom (Yale University Press 2014); Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 'The Runaway Slave at Pilgrim's Point' (online); Thomas Carlyle, 'Occasional Discourse on the Nigger Question' (online)</td>
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<td>Transatlantic Time Travel: Mark Twain, A Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court (OUP 2008); Alfred Tennyson, The Major Works (OUP 2009)</td>
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<td>Week 10.</td>
<td>North America - Dramatising Society: George Bernard Shaw, 'The Devil's Disciple' in Three Plays for Puritans (Penguin 2006); Oscar Wilde, 'A Woman of No Importance' in The Importance of Being Earnest and Other Plays (OUP 2008)</td>
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**Reading List**
Compulsory:

Barrett Browning, Elizabeth. 'The Runaway Slave at Pilgrim's Point'. Online
Carlyle, Thomas. 'Occasional Discourse on the Nigger Question' (online)

Recommended

Week 2
o Rubin-Dorsky, Jeffrey, Adrift in the Old World: The Psychological Pilgrimage of Washington Irving (Chicago: Chicago University Press, 1988)

Week 3
o McGill, Meredith L. American Literature and the Culture of Reprinting, 1834-1853 (Philadelphia: U Penn Press, 2007)

Week 4
o Kathryn Ledbetter, Tennyson and Victorian Periodicals: Commodities in Context (London: Ashgate, 2007)
o Christoph Irmscher and Robert Arbour, eds., Reconsidering Longfellow (Madison, NJ: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2014)
o Christoph Irmscher, Public Poet, Private Man: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow at 200 (Boston, Mass: University of Massachusetts Press, 2009)


o Andrew Hilen, Longfellow and Scandinavia: A Study of the Poet's Relationship with the Northern Languages and Literature (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1947)

**Week 5**

o Douglass, Frederick, Selected Speeches and Writings, edited by Philip S. Foner, abridged and adapted by Yuval Taylor (Chicago: Chicago University Press, 1999)

o Rice, Alan, and Crawford, Martin eds. Liberating Sojourn: Frederick Douglass and Transatlantic Reform (Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 1999)

o Sweeney, Fionnghuala Frederick Douglass and the Atlantic World (Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, 2007)

o Shepperson, George, 'Frederick Douglass and Scotland', The Journal of Negro History 38.3 (1953): 307-321


**Week 6**

o Bell, Millicent 'The Marble Faun and the Waste of History', Southern Review 35.2 (1999): 354-70


**Week 7**

o Fermanis, Porscha, 'Culture, Counter-Culture and the Subversion of the Comic in Mark Twain's A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court', The Mark Twain Annual 5 (2007): 93-107


**Week 8**

ESSAY COMPLETION WEEK

**Week 9**


o Irwin, John T., The Mystery to a Solution: Poe, Borges, and the Analytic Detective (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, 1994)

o Kennedy, J. Gerald 'The Limits of Reason: Poe's Deluded Detectives', American Literature, 47. 2 (1975): 184-196


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Week 10
- Friedman, David, Wilde in America: Oscar Wilde and the Invention of Modern Celebrity (New York: Norton, 2014)
- Eltis, Sos, Revising Wilde: Society and Subversion in the Plays of Oscar Wilde (Glos: Claendon Press, 1996)
- Powell, Kerry, Oscar Wilde and the Theatre of the 1890s (Cambridge: CUP, 1990)
- Crompton, Louis, Shaw the Dramatist: A Study of the Intellectual Background of the Major Plays (Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 1971)

Week 11
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Contemporary Scottish Fiction *

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This course will look at the relationship between Scottish fiction, politics and culture in the context of devolution. We will examine a range of novels published over the last thirty years which showcase the strength and diversity of contemporary Scottish fiction, and consider the ways in which Scottish writing might be seen to reflect larger debates about political and cultural autonomy in the period, issues around cultural identity, and anxieties amongst Scottish intellectuals about the possibilities and dangers of nationalism. However we will also need to consider the ways in which those issues are mediated through the form of the contemporary novel, in particular the nature, variety and extent of contemporary departures from the conventions of realism; even the constitution of the literary field itself. The most striking feature of much of the writing of the period may be its apparent distance from overt political commitment, its distrust of the public realm, suspicion of historical narrative, and its focus on interiority and subjectivity. What does this mean for our understanding of the relationship between literature and society in contemporary Scotland?

Provisional Seminar Schedule

[Choice of primary texts will be subject to amendment depending on availability]

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<td>Candia McWilliam, <em>Debatable Land</em> (1994)</td>
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<td><strong>INNOVATIVE LEARNING WEEK</strong></td>
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<td>James Kelman, <em>How Late It Was How Late</em> (1994)</td>
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Indicative Secondary Bibliography


Poor Things: Capitalism, Reification and 20th Century Literature and Film *

The course will begin in the modernist area familiar from second year, tracing patterns of reification and personification as they appear in literature and film - and extend later in the twentieth century into cyberpunk, science fiction - relating these to the nature and presentation of character and the self. These issues will be considered against a background of developing capitalist industry and technology, with some Marxist theory used where appropriate, especially in the first weeks of the course, to illumine the questions involved with regard to modernity and reification as they pertain to the self, to human community and consciousness, and across the course to postmodern times in which thinkers like Fredric Jameson and Slavoj Žižek claim it is easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism. As narrative is one of the central issues, this is a fairly heavy reading course in terms of the novels and it would be worth getting ahead with some of these before it begins.

Seminar Schedule

Week 1  Introduction;  T S Eliot, 'Rhapsody on a Windy Night';  Willa Muir 'Clock-A-Doodle-Do';  
          Metropolis (dir. Fritz Lang);  Modern Times (dir. Charlie Chaplin)
Week 2  Joseph Conrad, The Secret Agent
Week 3  Aldous Huxley, Brave New World
Week 4  Lewis Grassic Gibbon, A Scots Quair
Week 5  Thomas Pynchon, V.
Week 6  No Classes / Flexible Learning Week
Week 7  J.G. Ballard, Crash
Week 8  Alasdair Gray, Lanark
Week 9  Essay Completion Week
Week 10 Jeanette Winterson, The Stone Gods
Week 11 William Gibson, Neuromancer
Week 12 Blade Runner (dir. Ridley Scott);  The Matrix (dir. Wachowski Brothers)

Other texts and theoretical and critical reading will be specified during the course.  An excellent place to start background reading would be with Georg Lukács's essay 'Reification and the Consciousness of the Proletariat' in Georg Lukács, History and Class Consciousness (London: Merlin Press, 1968).  Terry Eagleton and Drew Milne, eds., Marxist Literary Theory (Oxford: Blackwell, 1996) offers a good range of helpful essays, including another Lukács piece, 'The Ideology of Modernism'.  James F. Knapp's LITERARY MODERNISM AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF WORK (Illinois: Northeastern University, Press 1990) is a useful study for some of the authors in early weeks of the course.
Postcolonial Writing

This course will introduce students to some of the key texts and critical debates within postcolonial literary studies, ranging from the colonial fiction of E.M. Forster and Rudyard Kipling to contemporary novels (from Africa, South Asia, and the U.S.); the dub poetry of Linton Kwesi Johnson; and the British-Asian television comedy series Goodness Gracious Me. Primary texts will be explored with reference to a range of key terms and topics including (inter alia) orientalism, counter-discourse, mimicry, nationalism, ethnicity and subjectivity, diaspora, language, the body. We will also interrogate the significance of the term ‘postcolonial’ itself. What are the differences between imperialism and colonialism, or postcolonialism and post-colonialism, for instance? Or what are the limitations of the ‘postcolonial’ label? In debating the latter we will investigate points of intersection between postcolonial theory and other critical and political traditions such as feminism, Marxism and postmodernism. We will also explore the ways in which contemporary racial conflict (as evident, for example, in Islamophobia and the global ‘war on terror’) has its roots in stereotypes attached to the racial ‘other’ in colonial discourse (and here we will draw on the work of key postcolonial thinkers such as Edward Said, Homi Bhabha and Gayatri Spivak).

Seminars

Colonial and Postcolonial Discourse

| Week 1  | E.M. Forster, A Passage to India; Rudyard Kipling, ‘White Man’s Burden’ (on LEARN); extracts from Edward Said’s Orientalism and Stephen Slemon’s ‘The Scramble for Post-Colonialism’ (in The Postcolonial Studies Reader). |

Hybridity and Mimicry

| Week 2  | V.S. Naipaul, ‘Man-Man’ (on LEARN); Rudyard Kipling, ‘Bubbling Well Road’ (on Project Gutenberg website) http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page |

Spivak and the subaltern

| Week 3  | Arundhati Roy; The God of Small Things; Lakshmi Kannan, ‘Muniyakka’ (on LEARN) |

Nationalism and Culture

| Week 4  | Ngugi, A Grain of Wheat |
Week 5  Tsitsi Dangarembga, *Nervous Conditions*

Week 6  **NO CLASSES / Flexible Learning Week**

Week 7  Toni Morrison *Beloved*

Week 8  Hanif Kureishi, *My Beautiful Laundrette* (screenplay and film)

Week 9  **ESSAY COMPLETION WEEK**

Week 10 Amos Tutuola, *The Palm-Wine Drinkard*

    Linton Kwesi Johnson, selected dub poetry

Week 11

    Katherine Mansfield, ‘The Garden Party’;
    Henry Lawson, ‘The Drover’s Wife’;
    Nadine Gordimer, ‘Six Feet of the Country’;
    Margaret Atwood, ‘Progressive Insanities of a Pioneer’;
    (details to be posted on LEARN).

Week 12

    Selected prose by Epeli Hau’ofa and Albert Wendt (on LEARN);
    discussion of ‘ethnic’ television comedy series *Goodness Gracious Me* and *Bro’ Town*

Course Texts


Forster, E.M. *A Passage to India* (Penguin, 1998, 0140274235)

Kureishi, Hanif. *My Beautiful Laundrette* (Faber and Faber, 2000, 0571202543)


Tutuola, Amos, *The Palm-Wine Drinkard* (Faber and Faber, 1977, 0571049966)
Strongly recommended for purchase:


Selected Secondary Reading

A: Material on/by specific authors

Tsitsi Dangarembga

E.M. Forster

Hanif Kureishi

Toni Morrison

V.S. Naipaul

Ngugi wa Thion’o

Arundhati Roy
Amos Tutuola

B: Postcolonial Theory/Criticism

Homi Bhabha (ed), *Nation and Narration* (1990)
Paul Gilroy, *There Ain't No Black in the Union Jack* (1987)
A. Parker *et al*. (eds), *Nationalisms and Sexualities* (1992)
Strangers to Ourselves: Post-war & Contemporary Writing *

The course will use the figure of the stranger to introduce students to a range of post-war writing from the 1950s to the present. The stranger here takes many forms: ambivalent tricksters, aspiring immigrants, invading armies, or an *unheimlich* sense of ‘strangeness within’ as a constituent factor in the creation of identity. The course will include prose, poetry and drama forms, and touch upon some of the most significant social and political moments of the period including the Troubles in Northern Ireland, Thatcherism, the development of multiculturalism, the miner’s strike, the second Iraq War, and the current environmental crisis. Thematically, our discussions will explore the boundaries of place, memory, literary form and identity (be it in terms of gender, sexuality, class, environmental relations, ethnicity or nationality).

Seminar Schedule

1. Introduction: others and ourselves
2. Sam Selvon, *The Lonely Londoners*
3. Muriel Spark, *The Ballad of Peckham Rye*
4. J.G. Ballard, *High-Rise*
5. North Irish Poetry: (Seamus Heaney, Michael Longley, and Eavan Boland)
6. NO CLASSES
7. Tony Harrison, *V* / Hanif Kureishi, *My Beautiful Launderette*
9. ESSAY COMPLETION WEEK
10. Jackie Kay, *Trumpet*
11. Gregory Burke, *Black Watch* / Sarah Kane *Blasted*
12. Alice Oswald, *Woods, etc*

General Secondary Reading:

James Acheson and Sarah C.E. Ross (eds), *The Contemporary British Novel* (Edinburgh, 2005)
Jean Baudrillard, *Simulacra and Simulation* (Michigan, 1994)
Nicola Allen, *Marginality in the Contemporary British Novel* (Continuum, 2008)
Nick Bentley, *Contemporary British Fiction* (Edinburgh, 2008)
Pheng Chea and Bruce Robbins (eds), *Cosmopolitics: thinking and feeling beyond the nation* (Minnesota, 1998)
Lawrence Driscoll, *Evading Class in Contemporary British Fiction* (Palgrave, 2009)
Paul Gilroy, “There Ain’t No Black in the Union Jack”: the cultural politics of race and nation (Hutchinson, 1987)
Paul Gilroy, Between Camps (Penguin, 2001)
Paul Gilroy, After Empire (Routledge, 2004)
Linda Hutcheon, Poetics of Postmodernism (Routledge, 1988)
Fredric Jameson, Postmodernism, or, the cultural logic of late capitalism (Verso, 1991)
Daniel Lea and Bertold Schoene, Posting the Male: masculinities in post-war and contemporary British literature (Rodopi, 2003)
Jean-Francois Lyotard, The Postmodern Condition (Manchester, 1984)
Brian McHale, Postmodernist Fiction (Routledge, 1987)
Susheila Nasta (ed), Writing Across Worlds: Contemporary Writers Talk (Routledge, 2004)
Alan Sinfield, Literature, Politics and Culture in Postwar Britain (Continuum, 2004)
Alan Sinfield and Alistair Davies, British Culture of the Postwar: 1945-1999 (Routledge, 2000)
Dennis Walder (ed), Postcolonial Nostalgias (Routledge, 2011)
The Modern American Novel, 1920-1960

This course offers a sample of the enormous range and variety of American novels published in the first half of this century. It focuses particularly on the stylistic experimentation of individual writers and examines literary innovation in the context of the social history of the period.

Primary Texts and Seminar Schedule

Week 1  Introductory class

Week 2  Modernist narration, ethnicity and commodity culture: F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby (1925)

Additional reading: Thorstein Veblen, The Theory of the Leisure Class (1899): ch.4 (provided)  
F. Scott Fitzgerald, “The Crack-Up” (1936)  

Week 3  Gender and style: Ernest Hemingway, The Sun Also Rises/Fiesta (1926)

Additional reading: Wendy Martin, “Brett Ashley as New Woman in The Sun Also Rises”, in Linda Wagner-Martin (ed.), New Essays on The Sun Also Rises (1987) (provided)  
Gertrude Stein, Picasso (1938)  
Ernest Hemingway, “Soldier’s Home” in In Our Time (1925)

Week 4  Politics and religion: John Steinbeck, The Grapes of Wrath (1939)


Week 5  Fractured narratives and modernist language: William Faulkner, As I Lay Dying (1930)

Joel Williamson, William Faulkner and Southern History (1993)

Week 6  NO CLASSES
Week 7  Linguistic play: Zora Neale Hurston, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* (1937)

*Additional reading:* James Weldon Johnson’s ‘The Dilemma of the Negro Author’ (1928) (provided)

Week 8  Blackness and social interpellation: Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* (1952)

Louis Althusser, “Ideology and Ideological State Apparatuses (Notes towards an Investigation)” (1970) (provided)

Week 9  ESSAY COMPLETION WEEK — no class

Week 10  Adolescence and literary rebellion 1: J.D. Salinger, *The Catcher in the Rye* (1951)


Week 12  Adolescence and literary rebellion 2: Jack Kerouac, *On The Road* (1957)

Jack Kerouac, ‘The Origins of the Beat Generation’ (1959), and “Essentials of Spontaneous Prose” (1959) (provided)