

**English 56A**  
**Survey of Early British Literature**  
**Professor Stork**  
**Fall 2014**  
**Office: Faculty Offices Building 218**  
**Office Hours: T 1630-1730, W 1000-1200**  
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This class is one of the surveys required for the English major. We will cover early British literature, primarily poetry, starting with Old English and ending with Milton.

Late policy: Because there are only two papers and a final examination in this course, there is no provision for late work. Please plan your semester carefully.

There will be occasional in-class assignments to assess participation.

Please see me if you need disability accommodations.

Papers will be assessed for quality of research and quality of writing.

The final examination will consist of passages from the semester's reading for you to identify. Please read carefully over the entire semester.

Recommended Texts (texts are available on line, if you prefer):

Elaine Traherne, *Old and Middle English Literature: An Anthology*, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Blackwell Publishing.

Helen Gardner, *The Metaphysical Poets*, Penguin Paperback.

**BEWARE: Do NOT Purchase Metaphysical Poetry.** This is a different text.

John Milton, *Paradise Lost*, A Norton Critical Edition.

Grading:

Class participation:	10%
Old English Word Study	30%
Middle English Project (Word Study and translation)	30%
Final Examination	30%

Schedule of Classes:

Aug	26	Introduction to Old English
	28	Caedmon
Sep	2	Wanderer
	4	Dream of the Rood
	9	Battle of Maldon
	11	Beowulf

- 16 Library visit – Introduction to OED, DOE, Old English Corpus  
 18 In-class Discussion of Word Study assignment  
 23 Beowulf  
 25 Beowulf  
 30 Beowulf
- Oct 2 Ubi Sount Qui Ante Nos Fuerount?, I Sing of One that is Matchless  
 7 Sir Orfeo OLD ENGLISH WORD STUDY DUE  
 9 Wife of Bath’s Prologue and Tale  
 14 Wife of Bath  
 16 Instructor Holiday (rest of university is open)  
 21 Wife of Bath  
 23 Southwell (all); Shakespeare (all); Wotton (all)  
 28 Donne, To his Mistris Going to Bed, Song: Goe and Catch a Falling Star,  
 The Sunne Rising, Aire and Angels, A Valediction: Forbidding  
 Mourning, At the round earth’s imagined corners, If poysonous  
 minerals,  
 30 Donne (continued); Kynaston (all) MIDDLE ENGLISH PROJECT DUE
- Nov 4 Herbert: Easter-wings, Jordan (1), Vanitie, Vertue, Jordan (II), The  
 Pulley  
 6 Carew, An Elegie upon the death of Donne, To my inconstant Mistris,  
 Habington (all)  
 11 No Class – Veteran’s Day  
 13 Suckling (all); Crashaw, Hymn to St. Therea; Cowley, On the Death of  
 Mr. Crashaw  
 18 Lovelace, To Lucasta To Amarantha, To Althea; Marvell, On a Drop of  
 Dew, Bermudas, The Mower to the Glo-Worms, The Garden  
 20 Vaughan, Regeneration, The Retreat, The Morning-watch, The World,  
 They are all gone..., The Cock-crowing, The Water-fall  
 25 Begin Milton, Paradise Lost, Book VII  
 27 Happy Thanksgiving
- Dec 2 Paradise Lost, Book VIII  
 4 Paradise Lost, Book IX  
 9 Finish Paradise Lost and Review

Final Exam: Thursday, December 18, 2014, 945-1200