European Studies 21
Readings in the European Tradition
Fall, 2010

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SYLLABUS

Course Requirements: You will be required to write six essays of about 5 pages. The essays will be spread evenly over the semester, the first one due on Sept. 20th. I will provide an essay topic, but, if you feel you must write on something else, please speak to me about it first.

Besides the essays, regular class attendance and informed participation in class discussions is required.

Required Books Available at the Amherst Bookstore

A. Heidel  The Gilgamesh Epic and Old Testament Parallels
Homer  Odyssey (trans. R. Lattimore)
Sophocles  Sophocles I: Three Tragedies
Plato  Symposium (trans. Hamilton)
Virgil  Aeneid (trans. A. Mandelbaum)
Augustine  Confessions (trans. H. Chadwick)
Chretien de Troyes  Arthurian Romances
Dante  Divine Comedy, 3 vols. (trans. Mandelbaum)

Sept. 8:  Introduction

EARLY WANDERINGS

Sept. 10-13:  Heidel, Gilgamesh
Sept. 15:  Homer, Odyssey, Bks 1-6
Sept. 17:  Homer, Odyssey, Bks 7-12
Sept. 20:  Homer, Odyssey, Bks 13-18
Sept. 22:  Homer Odyssey, Bks 19-24
Sept. 24:  Bible: Genesis 2:4-3; Exodus 1-5
Sept. 27:  Bible: Exodus 6-15; 19; 33:12-34; Numbers 20:1-13; Deuteronomy 34

RE-FRAMING THE TRIP

Sept. 29-Oct. 8: Sophocles, Oedipus Rex
    Sophocles, Oedipus at Colonus

Oct. 9-12:  Mid-Semester Break

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Oct. 13-18: Plato, Symposium
Oct. 20: Bible: Letter to Hebrews

A LATIN ODYSSEUS

Oct. 22-27: Virgil, Aeneid, Bks 1-6
            Virgil, Aeneid, Bks 7-12

CHRISTIAN APPROPRIATION

Nov. 3: Augustine, Confessions, Bks 1-4
Nov. 5: Augustine, Confessions, Bks 5-9

MEDIEVAL TRIPS

Nov. 8-10: Perceval: The Story of the Grail in Arthurian Romances
Nov. 11-17: Knight of the Cart in Arthurian Romances
Nov. 19: No Class

DANTE

Nov. 20-28: Thanksgiving Vacation

Nov. 29- Dec. 1: Dante, Divine Comedy: Inferno
Dec. 3-10: Dante, Purgatorio
Dec. 13-15: Dante, Paradiso