

Hacettepe University
Faculty of Letters
Department of English Language and Literature

SYLLABUS

Title of the Course: IED 151 (03) Introduction to Britain I

Year and Term: 2015- 2016 Fall

Class: Wednesday 13:00- 15:45

Classroom: B2/204

Aim: The aim of the course is to make a survey of Britain and British literature in its historical context. In accordance with this, the historical evolution of the British society and literature from the early ages to the 17th century will be explored through the study of major social, political and historical developments and their reflections in literature of the relevant periods.

Course Outline:

Week I (16/09) : Introduction to the course. Geography, Nationalities (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland)

Week II (23/09) : BAYRAM HOLIDAY

Week III (30/09) : Early Britain. The Social and Cultural History of English Society in the Early Middle Ages.

Week IV (07/10) : The Saxons, Christianity, the Vikings

Week V (14/10) : Literary works: *Beowulf*, *The Dream of the Rood*, *The Battle of Maldon Medieval Lyrics*

Week VI (21/10) : MIDTERM I

Week VII (28/10) : NO CLASS

Week VIII (04/11) : England in the Middle Ages

Week IX (11/11) : The Norman Conquest, feudalism, the government

Week X (18/11): Political developments (Magna Carta), the Church, the early Parliament, Black Death, Hundred Years' War

Week XI (25/11) : Major literary figures and modes: Geoffrey Chaucer *The Canterbury Tales*, William Langland *Piers Plowman*, Sir Thomas Malory *Morte D'Arthur*

Week XII (02/12) : MIDTERM II

Week XIII (09/12) : England in the Renaissance. Humanism, Renaissance, Reformation in Europe and Britain

Week XIV (16/12): Tudor government, the Church

Week XV (23/12): Major literary figures and modes: Sonnet tradition, dramatic art, prose writing

Coursebook: McDowall, David. *An Illustrated History of Britain*. Burnt Mill: Longman, 1993.

Textbook: Abrams, M. H., et.al. *The Norton Anthology of English Literature*.

Suggested e-sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/>

<http://www.visitbritain.com/en/About-Britain/>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/questions/history.html>

Method of Instruction: The course is going to be in lecture form. However, class discussions will also be necessary especially when analysing relevant poems/texts. Students are expected to have their course materials (coursebook and textbook) with them. Class works and group works may also be carried out.

Requirements:

-Class attendance is obligatory. More than 11 hours of absence will be graded as F1.

-Students should follow the syllabus and come to the class having read the assigned material, having done the given assignments. Participation in class discussions is also necessary. Participation will have an impact on student's mark.

Assessment:

Mid-term Exams: 50%

Class participation, quizzes, and doing the given assignments: 10%

Final Exam: 40%

In the grading of examination papers 25 % will be taken off for English mistakes.

(Please note that regardless of your semester average, you need to get at least 50 points in the final exam to pass the course)