Spring 2020 Course Description

Instructor: Robert Griffin  
Course: ENGL 231  
Title: Survey of English Literature 1

Description: This course surveys writing in England from the Anglo-Saxon period up to the late-eighteenth century. It understands the values embedded in literature as a part of a cultural history that can be charted as England moves from feudalism into modernity.

Proposed Readings: We will read some of the most influential works in the English tradition, including Beowulf, Spenser’s Faerie Queene, Milton’s Paradise Lost, Shakespeare’s Henry IV, Part One, and Swift’s Gulliver’s Travels. We will also give attention to writings that have only recently been recovered and valued anew.