Summer 2020 Course Description

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Course: ENGL 331
Title: Fantasy Literature

Description: Fantasy as a genre is often described as works containing the "unexplainable." The most well-known fantasy authors today, such as JRR Tolkien, JK Rowling, Rosemary Sutcliff, or Terry Pratchett, describe worlds filled with elves, dwarves, dragons, and magic. However, many of these authors' stories are influenced by a long history of works and legends that weren't always viewed as "unexplainable" or "supernatural." In this class, we will look back on the origins of the fantastical and its development into one of the most popular literary genres.

Proposed Readings: