

Hello online Brit Lit II student,

Welcome to English 2122 taught via Desire2Learn.

Please review the attached syllabus and assignment schedule carefully, since it will give you an overview of the class and, most importantly, the requirements set for the rest of the semester. Crucial points are covered in sections 8 and 9.

Please do not wait until the term starts to buy your textbook. Buy it now. Otherwise, you may find that you are unable to get it in time to complete the first unit. The book is available now in the Gordon bookstore and on websites such as Amazon.com. No late work will be accepted in this online class; get your book now to ensure that you do not miss any graded assignments.

This class will require frequent communication and I will make myself as available to you as possible. Here are your **first two assignments**: by **11:59pm of Saturday, June 1**,

1) Take the eLearning quiz and upload a pdf of your email confirmation to the "eLearning quiz email confirmation" assignment folder in D2L. You may take the eLearning quiz here:

<https://www2.gordonstate.edu/quizml/elearning>

The eLearning quiz will orient you to D2L and give you some helpful tips on how to succeed in an online class. You don't have to wait until the beginning of the term to take this quiz; indeed, you can do it now, although you will have to wait until the term starts to upload your email confirmation.

2) In the **class forum** discussion area—**and in order to confirm your attendance in this class**—introduce yourself and present your ideas for this class. Discuss your expectations for the class, any previous experiences you have had with online instruction, and any other information that will help me and your fellow students get to know you. This introduction will also confirm your enrollment in the class.

Once you have taken the eLearning quiz and introduced yourself in the forum, click on your profile settings and upload a picture of yourself. I like to be able to put a face to a name.

Then, read the texts listed in **Unit 01: The Romantic Era and the Gothic. Starting Saturday, June 1**, go to the discussion area and read all of your fellow students' main posts that have already been submitted to the Unit 01 discussion area. After you have read all of your fellow students' main posts, write and submit your own. Keep in mind that my reading guide in the discussion area is meant to serve only as a guideline for your own original posts; it is **not** a set of specific questions you must answer. **Before you post, please read the syllabus carefully, since many of the guidelines are presented therein. Remember that you must submit your main posts to both the discussion area and the assignment folder.**

Your first graded assignment, the main post for Unit 01, is due by Monday, June 3, at 11:59 pm EST. And all the response posts for Unit 01 will be due by Wednesday, June 5, at 11:59pm EST. (Keep in mind that late assignments in this online class will not be accepted.)

All the readings are listed for the entire semester in the schedule of assignments so you can pace yourself and read ahead of schedule if you wish. Each successive reading unit will open, from now on, on either a Wednesday at 12:01 am EST or a Saturday at 12:01 EST.

Apart from the 18 posts required as a bare minimum, you will complete a final essay, a midterm exam, and a final exam.

Check your Gordon email every day as well, as that will be the main means I have to communicate with you as a class.

I wish you all success in English 2122 and I am confident you will do well with the honest effort put forth. I look forward to getting to know all of you.

Cheers!
Dr. Davis