Spring 2015

English 56B: English Lit. II Prof. Wm. Wilson william.wilson@sjsu.edu Office Hours: MW 330-430

Grading: Two explication essays 40%; one hourly test 20%; final exam 40%.

Required Texts:

Stephen Greenblatt et al, *Norton Anthology of English Literature* (9th ed.), v.2 (NA) Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice* Charlotte Bronte, *Jane Eyre* Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations* James Joyce, *Portrait of the Artist*

Schedule of Readings and Assignments:

Jan 2: Introduction

28: Romanticism; NA Blake, Innocence and Experience

Feb 02: NA Wordsworth, We are Seven, Expostulation and Reply, Lines... Tintern Abbey, A slumber did my spirit, Elegiac Stanzas, Composed upon Westminster, The world is too much,

04: NA Coleridge, Eolian Harp, Lime Tree Bower, Frost at Midnight, Biographia Literaria

11: NA Shelley , Mutability, Mont Blanc, Ode to West Wind, , To a Skylark 16: Timed Essay

18: NA Keats, On First Looking, On Seeing the Elgin Marbles, On Sitting Down to Read, Bright Star

23: NA Keats, Odes to a Nightingale, Grecian Urn, Melancholy, To Autumn 25: TEST #1

- Mar 02: Austen, chs 1-23
 - 04: Austen, chs 24-42
 - 09: Austen, 43-end
 - 11: Bronte, chs 1-15
 - 16: Bronte, chs 16-26
 - 18: Bronte- chs 27-end
 - 30: Dickens, chs 1-19
- Apr 01: Dickens, chs 20-39
 - 06: Dickens, chs 40-end
 - **08: Victorian Poetry**
 - 13: NA Darwin
 - 15: NA Mill, "What is Poetry?"
 - 20: NA Tennyson, The Lady of Shalott, Ulysses, In Memoriam 54-56, 95;

Arnold, To Marguerite—Continued, Dover Beach, Stanzas from the Grande Chartreuse; ESSAY #1 22: NA Hardy, Neutral Tones, The Darkling Thrush; Yeats, Lake Isle of Innisfree, The Second Coming

- 27: NA Conrad, Heart of Darkness
- 29: Joyce, chs 1-2
- May 04: Joyce, chs 3-5
 - 06: Joyce, cont'd

11: NA Auden, Musee des Beaux Arts, In Memory of W.B. Yeats; Larkin Church Going,; Heaney, The Skunk

13: Review; ESSAY#2 DUE

15: Final Exam (1445-1700)