

Fall 2006  
English 400.02  
Wednesday 7:00-9:30 p.m.

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### Senior Tutorial

Senior tutorials are designed to provide close supervision and critique, yours by your peers and a faculty member, for an intensive research and writing assignment you will work on—a 20-25 page essay—during the course of the semester. On your way to writing this essay, you will: 1) put together an annotated bibliography of no less than 5 chapters/essays you will consult; 2) write a fully developed, 1-2 page proposal in which you will define your subject, provide a rationale for your choice, specify your method (or methods) of analysis, and attach a list of works you plan to consult or have already consulted; 3) two or more drafts of the essay, in various stages of its development, to be read and critiqued by me and your peers.

**Sept. 13:** Informal discussion of ideas about primary texts and topics for individual projects.

**During the following two weeks (by Sept. 15, and 22),** each of you will submit copies of 2 essays/chapters in books you consider relevant for the subject you propose to explore, which I will make available to everyone in class in preparation for the next two class discussions.

**Sept. 20, 27:** discussion of the essays/chapters submitted by each of you.

**Oct. 4:** Library session with Jessica Grim. For this we will meet in the Science library computer lab.

**Oct. 9: annotated bibliography due**

**Oct. 11:** following from the library session, discussion of how a research project is put together—its focus determined; research undertaken; how the writing is organized, including examples/evidence selected and so forth. As example, we will consider a recent essay by me, so I can speak to the elements of a research project mentioned above.

**Oct. 25:** individual conferences to discuss proposals for your senior tutorial essay.

**Nov. 1:** In class workshop on draft of proposal prior to its submission

**Nov. 3 (Friday): Proposal due**

**Nov. 8:** Individual conferences for opening pages—introduction—of the essay.

**Nov. 15: Introductory pages (5-7) of essay due for in-class workshop**

**Thanksgiving Break (Nov. 23-26)**

**Nov. 22: First draft of entire essay due**

**Nov. 29, 30:** individual conferences with me to discuss draft of essay

**Dec. 6:** In class workshop to discuss draft of essay

**Dec. 13: final draft of essay due; celebratory dinner at my place.**