

English 390: Faulkner
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Texts:

William Faulkner, **Flags in the Dust/Sartoris** (1926-1929)
_____, **The Sound and the Fury** (1929) [Norton Critical Edition, ed. David Minter, Second Edition]
_____, **Light in August** (1932)
_____, **Absalom, Absalom!** (1936) Vintage International Edition
_____, **The Unvanquished** (1934-1937)
_____, **Selected Short Stories of William Faulkner** (1930-1955)
Hobson, Fred. **William Faulkner's *Absalom, Absalom!* A Casebook**

Class Schedule:

Week of

September 1	Introduction "A Rose for Emily" (1930) "Honor" (1930) "Red Leaves" (1930) "Dry September" (1931) "That Evening Sun" (1931)
September 8	Flags in the Dust (reading journal due September 11)
September 15	Flags in the Dust "There was a Queen" (1933)
September 22	The Sound and the Fury (reading journal due September 25)
September 29	The Sound and the Fury

October 6	Faulkner and the Critics (Paper due October 7) Thursday, October 9 Yom Kippur no classes
October 13	Light in August
October 20	<i>FALL BREAK</i>
October 27	Light in August
November 3	Light in August (reading journal due November 6) Absalom, Absalom!
November 10	Absalom, Absalom!
November 17	Absalom, Absalom!
November 24	Faulkner and the Critics, Part II
December 1	The Unvanquished
December 8	Concluding Discussions FINAL PAPER DUE December 9

Participants in this class are required to attend all classes, come to class on time, take an active part in discussion, and hand in assigned work when it is due.

All papers should be delivered in printed form only. Late papers will be downgraded.

Two papers, each ten to fourteen pages in length, and three reading journals, each three pages long, are required.

There is a useful Selected Bibliography of critical books and articles on Faulkner in the Norton edition of **The Sound and the Fury**, pp. 443-446

