

Literature Institute

Study Guide

LIT 415 Nineteenth Century Literature

Bedford Anthology of World Literature, Books 1-6. Boston: Bedford-St. Martins, 2004.

UNIT	WEEKS	TOPICS	READINGS
I		Overview	
	1	The Nineteenth Century World Europe The Americas India Japan	Book 5, 1-12 Book 5, 13-22 Book 5, 749-753 Book 5, 955-959 Book 5, 1071-1075
II		Romanticism	
	2	Goethe (1749-1832) <i>Faust</i>	Book 5, 23-29 Book 5, 29-178
	Author	Please write a brief author biography.	
	Literary Analysis	Please provide a brief description of plot, themes, character analysis of Faustus, critical scene.	
	Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary terms: Sturm und Drang, romanticism.	
	Essay Topics	E1: Describe Faust's experiences. Which experience satisfies him most?	
	3	William Blake (1757-1827)	Book 5, 208-235
	Author	Please write a brief author biography.	
	Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary terms: allusion	
	Essay Topics	E1. In "Songs of Innocence" and "Songs of Experience" please answer the following questions for each of the poems: Who is the narrator? What is the poet describing? Discuss the narrator's experience in terms of perceptions and emotions. Can you see any ideas and themes in the poems? Please list specific elements of the poem to support your argument. E2. Please discuss the ideas and themes in "The Marriage of Heaven and Hell."	
	4	William Wordsworth (1770-1850)	Book 5, 236-254
	Author	Please write a brief author biography.	
	Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary terms: metonymy, simile	
	Essay Topics	E1. Please answer the following questions for each of the poems in this chapter: Who is the narrator? What is the poet describing? Discuss the narrator's experience in terms of perceptions and emotions. Can you see any ideas and themes in the poems? Please list specific elements of the poem to support your argument.	
	5	Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834)	Book 5, 255-280
	Author	Please write a brief author biography.	

Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary terms: fancy, imagination, imagery	
Essay Topics	E1. Please answer the following questions for each of the poems in this chapter: Who is the narrator? What is the poet describing? Discuss the narrator's experience in terms of perceptions and emotions. Can you see any ideas and themes in the poems? Please list specific elements of the poem to support your argument.	
	John Keats (1798-1821)	Book 5, 281-293
Author	Please write a brief author biography.	
Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary terms: negative capability	
Essay Topics	E1. Please answer the following questions for each of the poems in this chapter: Who is the narrator? What is the poet describing? Discuss the narrator's experience in terms of perceptions and emotions. Can you see any ideas and themes in the poems? Please list specific elements of the poem to support your argument.	
6	E.T.A. Hoffmann (1776-1822)	Book 5, 294-315
Author	Please write a brief author biography.	
Literary Analysis	Please provide a brief description of plot, themes, character analysis of Elis Froebom, critical scene.	
Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary terms: gothic, romance.	
Essay Topics	E1: Discuss the duality of Elis' divided personality, life, attraction. Describe the real vs. unreal, natural vs. supernatural people in his life. Explain his attraction to Ulla vs. The Metal Queen, the life underground vs. above the ground.	
Author	Heinrich Heine (1797-1856) Please write a brief author biography.	Book 5, 316-333
Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary terms: metaphor, metonymy	
Essay Topics	E1. Please answer the following questions for each of Heine's poems: Who is the narrator? What is the poet describing? Discuss the narrator's experience in terms of perceptions and emotions. Can you see any ideas and themes in the poems? Please list specific elements of the poem to support your argument.	
7	Alexander Pushkin (1799-1837)	Book 5, 334-348
Author	Please write a brief author biography.	
Literary Analysis	Please provide a brief description of plot, themes, character analysis of Yevgeni, critical scene.	
Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary terms: dramatic narrative poem, the unities	
Essay Topics	E1. Discuss the theme of man vs nature in "The Bronze Horseman." E2. Discuss the theme individual vs. state in "The Bronze Horseman." Why is it that building a city may be useful to the	

state but may be harmful to the individual, such as a poor clerk like Yevgeni who was devastated and gone mad after 1824 flood? What kind of confrontation takes place when Yevgeni talks to the statue of Peter the Great?

III Realism and Naturalism

8	Henrick Ibsen (1828-1906)	Book 5, 556-616
Author	Please write a brief author biography.	
Literary Analysis	Please provide a brief description of plot, themes, character analysis of Hedda Gabler, conflict.	
Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary terms: realistic drama.	
Essay Topics	E1: Discuss the theme of unfulfilled marriage in the case of Hedda Gabler. Why does she feel bored, trapped, and oppressed in her marriage? Why does she manipulate other people destructively?	
9	Flaubert (1821-1880)	Book 5, 435-461
Author	Please write a brief author biography.	
Literary Analysis	Please provide a brief description of plot, themes, character analysis of Felicite, critical scene.	
Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary terms: realism, imitation.	
Essay Topics	E1: Discuss the theme of loss of loved ones. Felicite loves many people and then loses them. Describe her capacity to love and her suffering of at her loss.	
10	Fyodor Dostoyevsky (1821-1881)	Book 5, 462-540
Author	Please write a brief author biography.	
Literary Analysis	Please provide a brief description of plot, themes, character analysis of the protagonist (the underground man), critical scene.	
Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary terms: psychological novel.	
Essay Topics	E1: Discuss the theme of alienation of "The Underground Man." Why does he never experience friendship and love? Describe his interactions with his friends and Liza.	
11	Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910) Society of discontents	Book 5, 617-662
Author	Please write a brief author biography.	
Literary Analysis	Please provide a brief description of plot, themes, character analysis of Ivan Ilych, critical scene.	
Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary term: novella.	
Essay Topics	E1: Discuss Ivan Ilyich's experience of fatal illness. What does Ilyich think and feel with his illness and approaching death? E2: Discuss the Middle Class and Bourgeoisie values. What are the concept of success and the proper and successful life	

according to Ilyich's middle class society? Compare and contrast the dichotomy of the artificial life and values of middle class Ilyich with that of peasant Gerasim.
E3: "Society of discontents," please discuss the authors and their basic ideas.

12	Naturalism Emile Zola (1840-1902)	Book 5, 398-399
Author	Please write a brief author biography.	
Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary terms: naturalism, the novel.	
Essay Topics	E1: Discuss Zola's purpose in writing "Therese Raquin?" How does Zola explain his method in his preface to the novel?	
13	Emilia Pardo Bazan (1852-1921)	Book 5, 691-702
Author	Please write a brief author biography.	
Literary Analysis	Please provide a brief description for each of the stories of the themes, character analysis of the protagonists.	
Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary terms: naturalism, feminism.	
Essay Topics	E1: Discuss how Bazan explores the relations between the powerful and powerless? E2: In "The Revolver," discuss the wife's fear under the death threat from her husband. What effect does her fear have physically? E3: In "The Oldest Story," what results after Adam's unjust accusation of Eve?	
14	Anton Chekhov (1860-1904)	Book 5, 703-748
Author	Please write a brief author biography.	
Literary Analysis	Please provide a brief description of plot, themes, character analysis of Mrs. Ranevskaya, the conflict.	
Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary terms: realism, naturalism	
Essay Topics	E1: Discuss the theme of change in the case of Russian Society at the end of 19 th Century. Compare and contrast the values and behavior of the old aristocracy vs. the new middle class. E2: Discuss the theme of memory in this play. What effects do the memories and the past have on the people in the play? E3: Discuss the theme of loss. How do the different characters in "The Cherry Orchard" deal with the loss?	

IV Symbolism

15	Charles Baudelaire (1821-1867)	Book 5, 412-434
Author	Please write a brief author biography.	
Literary Terms	Please briefly define the following literary term: symbolism	
Essay Topics	E1. Please answer the following questions for each of the poems in this chapter: Who is the narrator? What is the poet describing? Discuss the narrator's experience in terms of perceptions and emotions. Can you see any ideas and themes in	

the poems? Please list specific elements of the poem to support your argument.

V

Finals

16

Review, Essay, Exam