

LITS2002 POETRY II
SEMESTER I, 2015-2016
TERM PAPER

This Term Paper is based on Module One: From the Renaissance to Romanticism.

Answer **ONE (1)** of the following questions:

1. Outline some of the formal and thematic characteristics of the sonnet by referring *closely* to at least FOUR poems in all by at least TWO of the following poets: Wyatt, Shakespeare, Donne, Milton and Marvell.
2. What exactly is 'neo-classical' about Neo-classical poetry? Answer through close reference to Pope's Essay on Criticism.
3. Does a close reading of Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience support the claim that Blake was a "radical"?
4. Through close reference to "Tintern Abbey" and "Intimations of Immortality," discuss the centrality to Wordsworth's poetry of the view that
 The power which . . . Nature thus
 Thrusts forth upon the senses, is . . . a genuine counterpart
 And brother of that glorious faculty
 Which higher minds bear with them as their own.
 (The Thirteen Book Prelude, Book XIII [Book XIV in other editions])
5. "A poetic *bildungsroman*." Do you agree with this description of Wordsworth's The Prelude?
6. Would you agree that the views expressed in Wordsworth's Preface to the Lyrical Ballads represent a "revolutionary departure" from the main tenets of Neo-classicism?

DEADLINE: **5 pm, Tuesday October 27, 2015**

LENGTH: 10 pages maximum (typewritten, double-spaced)

CLOSE READING: In your answer, you should refer closely to the primary sources (poems and/or literary theory) by the poet(s) in question.

ESSAY WRITING: It is your responsibility to submit a *well-written* essay in response to one of the questions listed above. Please note that LITS2002, like all other Level II and III courses in Literatures in English, is not designed to teach you how to write an essay. It is assumed, rather, that you are equipped with the basic skills of essay writing of the sort tackled in the Level I Foundation Language courses. If you have problems, severe or otherwise, expressing yourself on paper coherently and

correctly, please seek advice as to how you may fix them. Please also consult my Essay Writing Guidelines posted online for essential advice on putting your term paper together.