



THE NINETEENTH - CENTURY ENGLISH NOVEL

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INTENDED AUDIENCE : Faculty, Students of English Literature

INDUSTRIES APPLICABLE TO : The British LibraryUS Consulate

COURSE OUTLINE :

The Nineteenth-Century Novel course introduces student to the genre of the novel at its height in nineteenth-century Britain. Through a close study of the significant novels of the period the students will come to understand the nature of the plots and its complexities in relation to the social and cultural impulses of the period.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :

Prof. Divya A is an Assistant Professor in English Literature in the Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India. Divyas research interests primarily revolve around explorations in the fields of gender, domesticity, spatiality, urbanism, and the interplay between the visual and the literary arts. After obtaining her Master of Studies degree in Early Modern English Literature from the University of Oxford, Divya completed her PhD in Nineteenth- Century English Fiction at Nanyang Technological University. She has published on Charles Dickens, Elizabeth Gaskell, Wilkie Collins, and the Pre-Raphaelites. Her current research project traces and maps the British colonial visual culture of Nineteenth-Century India.

COURSE PLAN :

Week 1 : Introduction/ Jane Austen's Persuasion (1818), Volume I, Chapters 1-6

Week 2 : Jane Austen's Persuasion, Volume I, Chapters 7-12

Week 3 : Jane Austen's Persuasion, Volume II, Chapters 13-18

Week 4 : Jane Austen's Persuasion, Volume II, Chapters 19-24

Week 5 : Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities (1859), Book I, Chapters 1-6, and Book II, Chapters 1-3

Week 6 : Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities, Book II, Chapters 4-12

Week 7 : Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities, Book II, Chapters 13-21

Week 8 : Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities, Book II, Chapters 22-24 and Book III Chapters 1-6

Week 9 : Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities, Book III, Chapters 7-15

Week 10 : R.L.Stevenson A Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (1886), Chapters 1-4

Week 11 : R.L.Stevenson A Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, Chapters 5-7

Week 12 : R.L.Stevenson A Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, Chapters 8-10