English 240 POST-COLONIAL LITERATURE

I. The object of POST-COLONIAL LITERATURE is an introductory study of the literature produced by twentieth century African, Asian, and Caribbean writers of former colonies of Western European empires, especially Britain. Although the material is literary, the approach in this course is historical, political, and cultural as well.

II. After an initial consideration of Post-Colonial theory and theorists, the class will study individual works of fiction, originally written in English, representing as wide a variety of former colonies as possible.

III. Through lectures and class discussion, collaborative panel presentations, individual reports, and peer group investigations and discussions, the class will study the colonial and post-colonial experience as historical, political, and cultural phenomena. Students will be responsible for reading and studying a variety of works, viewing five films, and participating in class discussions, panel presentations, and peer group investigations.

IV. To fulfill the course requirements, students will do the following:
   a. read appropriate essays, stories, and novels by post-colonial writers, theorists, and critics;
   b. view five films, four at mutually convenient times, one on library reserve;
   d. present two oral reports: the first, individual, of around 5 minutes, on any aspect of post-colonialism; the second, as part of a panel, of around 20 minutes, on one of the long works;
   e. complete a mid-term and a final examination on the course material: examinations will be composed of short answer and essay questions;
   c. write an essay of sufficient length on some aspect of the course based upon library and on-line research.

V. Attendance policy for English 240 is based on the attendance statement on p.53 of the Moravian College Catalog: read, date, sign, and submit the accompanying paper.

VI. Papers and essay examinations will be expected to adhere to a minimum quality of Standard English and adhere to the Statement on Academic Honesty, found in both the catalog and the student handbook.

VII. All students are required to attend one public event related to Post-Colonialism. Date, time, and any costs will be announced after the term begins.

Texts:
Chinua Achebe, THINGS FALL APART, 1958
Erna Brodber, JANE & LOUISA WILL SOON COME HOME, 1981
Buchi Emecheta, KEHINDE, 1994
Hanif Kureishi, THE BLACK ALBUM, 1991
V. S. Naipaul, THE MYSTIC MASSEUR, 1957
Samuel Selvin, THE LONELY LONDONERS, 1956,
Wole Soyinka, DEATH & THE KING’S HORSEMAN, 1976
Ngugi wa Thiong’o, DEVIL ON THE CROSS, 1982

+ handouts

Films:
V. S. NAIPAUL (2000), Films for the Humanities & Sciences

Selected Resource Material:

D. Ahluwalia, POLITICS & POST-COLONIAL THEORY: AFRICAN INFLECTIONS
[electronic resource]:
B. Ashcroft, THE EMPIRE WRITES BACK: THEORY AND PRACTICE IN POST-
COLONIAL LITERATURES
B. Ashcroft, KEY CONCEPTS IN POST-COLONIAL STUDIES
B. Ashcroft, POST-COLONIAL STUDIES: the key concepts
E. Benson & L. Conolly, ENCYCLOPEDIA OF POST-COLONIAL
LITERATURES IN ENGLISH
COLONIAL DISCOURSE & POST-COLONIAL THEORY: A READER
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF POST-COLONIAL LITERATURES IN ENGLISH
GENDERING THE SPIRIT: WOMEN, RELIGION & THE POST-COLONIAL
RESPONSE
F. Jussawalla, INTERVIEWS WITH WRITERS OF THE POST-COLONIAL WORLD
D. Kiberg, INVENTING IRELAND
R. King, ORIENTALISM & RELIGION [electronic resource]
G. Krozewski, MONEY & THE END OF EMPIRE [electronic resource]
D. A. Low, ECLISPSE OF EMPIRE
NEW NATIONAL AND POST-COLONIAL LITERATURES: AN INTRODUCTION
POST-COLONIAL LITERATURES: EXPANDING THE CANON
POST-COLONIAL QUESTION, THE: COMMON SKIES, DIVIDED HORIZONS
[electronic resource]
POST-COLONIAL STUDIES READER, THE
REMEMBERING AFRICA

E. Shohat & R. Stam, MULTICULTURALISM, POSTCOLONIALITY, &
TRANSNATIONAL MEDIA
G. Spivak, THE POST-COLONIAL CRITIC: INTERVIEWS, STRATEGIES, DIALOGUES  
D. Walder, POST-COLONIAL LITERATURES IN ENGLISH: HISTORY, LANGUAGE, THEORY

Useful Post-Colonial Websites:
Afrique Francophone @ CUNY  
http://www.lehman.cuny.edu/deanhum/langlit/french/afrique.html
Journal of Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies http://www2.gasou.edu/bcps/journal/  
Literary Resources - Other National Literatures (Lynch)  
http://www.andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Lit/other.html
Post Colonial Literature http://207.239.98.44/postcolonialliterature.htm
Postcolonial & Postimperial Literature: An Overview  
STG Projects: Postcolonial & Postimperial Literature Description  

1. M Ja 16 Course introduction, reading & assignments, toward a definition of the Post-Colonial and Post-Colonial literature.


   W Fb 1 Rudyard Kipling, Britain, "The Man Who Would Be King (1921).
   F Fb 2 II. The Irish Question! James Joyce, Ireland, DUBLINERS (1916), selected stories.

4. M Fb 6 DUBLINERS; William Butler Yeats, Ireland, Selected Poems
   W Fb 8 III. The Sun Never Sets--The British In Africa

5. M Fb 13 THINGS FALL APART.
   W Fb 15 Wole Soyinka, Nigeria, DEATH & THE KING’S HORSEMAN, 1976
   F Fb 17 DEATH & THE KING’S HORSEMAN.
   W Fb 22 THE LIFE & TIMES OF MICHAEL K.
   F Fb 24 Ngugi wa Thiong’o, *Nigeria*, DEVIL ON THE CROSS, 1982

7. M Fb 27 DEVIL ON THE CROSS
   W Mr 1 **IV. The Raj & its Aftermath**: Farrukh Dhondy, *India*, Selected Works.
   F Mr 3 Mid-Term Exam.

   W Mr 15 Salman Rushdie; MONSOON WEDDING.
   F Mr 17 Library Research Session.

   W Mr 22 Aamer Hussein, *Pakistan*, Selected Works.
   F Mr 24 Comp. for Office Appointments on Research Paper

10. M Mr 27 **V. The Caribbean Islands**: Derek Walcott, *St. Lucia*, Selected Works.
    Research Paper Subject Due in Writing.
    W Mr 29 Erna Brodber, JANE & LOUISA WILL SOON COME HOME, 1981

11. M Ap 3 THE MYSTIC MASSEUR.
    W Ap 5 **VI. Adjusting (or not) to the Western, Post-Colonial World**: Samuel Selvin, *Trinidad*, THE LONELY LONDONERS (1956).
    F Ap 7 THE LONELY LONDONERS.

    W Ap 12 KEHINDE


    W Ap 26 Patrick White, *Australia*, Selected Works

**English 240 Post-Colonial Literature**

A Checklist of Understanding for the Course
At the conclusion of English 240 the student should be able to:

1. Provide a basic and precise definition of the nature of Post-Colonialism and Post-Colonial literature;

2. Have a fundamental knowledge of the variety and breadth of literary works that are identified as Post-Colonial;

3. Have a fundamental knowledge of the variety and breadth of critical and philosophical works that define and analyze post-colonialism and post-colonial literature;

4. Have a fundamental understanding of Colonialism and Post-Colonialism not as, simply, the conquering of one nation by another but as a phenomenon that has had profound historical, political, cultural, and psychological consequences for the conqueror as well as the conquered;

5. Have a fundamental understanding of how the Colonial and Post-Colonial experience has been and is being transformed by writers and other artists into a unique art with unique characteristics.

6. Demonstrate competence in participating in a panel analyzing a text, preparing effective oral and written analyses, and working well with others. And demonstrate competence in a variety of other written and oral assignments.