

Course Title: Classical Novel

Level: BS 4th

Course Description

This course aims to introduce the students to the origin and development of relatively late-emerging genre of novel. It has been designed with a view to developing their understanding how novel is different from other genres of literature, poetry and drama. The students are given an in-depth understanding of the making and mechanics of a novel, the role of narrator, narrative styles and techniques, and the art of characterization. The teacher is also expected to explain how a full-length fictional prose narrative is different from flash fiction, short story and novella. Discussing the emergence of novel since eighteenth century, this course brings out the significance of this genre as discussed, for example, in great detail in Ian Watt's seminal book, *Rise of the Novel* (1955). While teaching novel, teachers are supposed to consult and have a sound understanding of some of the ground breaking books as *Rise of the Novel* (1955) by Ian Watt, *Aspects of the Novel* (1927) by E M Forster, and *The English Novel* (1953) by Walter Allen. With a deeper understanding of the elements of fiction, the teachers will be able to impart a holistic definition of this genre starting from the basic "long fictional prose narrative" to a relatively complex definition of novel as can be extracted from, say, Ian Watt's book. An understanding of ingredient elements that constitute a novel will enable the students to develop an all-round understanding of this genre and equip them to grasp the complexities of modern fiction course in the coming semesters.

Course Objectives

This course will enable the students

1. To have a full understanding of 18th and 19th century novel which is rich in diversity as well as creativity.
2. To closely study the English society of these centuries and its impact upon human lives, and its complex psychological phenomena.
3. To develop an insight into various factors responsible for the appeal of the subject matter of these novels which was not only enjoyed by readers

of the centuries in which they were written but by Victorian readers or even for modern readers of contemporary times.

Course Contents

- Henry Fielding Tom Jones (1749)
- Jane Austen Pride and Prejudice (1813)
- Charles Dickens Great Expectations (1861)

Recommended Readings

- Allen, Walter The English Novel
- Ashton, Rosemary. George Eliot: A Life. London, 1996.
- Battestin, Martin C. The Moral Basis of Fielding's Art: A study of Tom Jones
- Beer, Gillian. George Eliot. Brighton, 1986.
- Butt, John Fielding
- Church, Richard The Growth of the English Novel.
- Collins, Philip, Dickens: The Critical Heritage, 1971
- Copeland, Edward and McMaster, Juliet, The Cambridge Companion to Jane Austen, 1997
- Elliot, Albert Pettigrew. Fatalism in the Works of Thomas Hardy, 1935
- Forster, E.M. Aspects of the Novel.(Pelican Paperback)
- Gard, Roger. Jane Austen's Novels: The Art of Clarity, 1998
- Hardy, Barbara. The Novels of George Eliot. London, 1959.
- Kettle, Arnold Introduction to the English Novel (vol. .I & II)
- Lubbock, P. The Craft of Fiction. Jonathan Cape,
- MacDonaugh, Oliver, Jane Austen: Real and Imagined Worlds. 1993
- Neill, Edward. (1999). Trial by Ordeal: Thomas Hardy and the Critics (Literary Criticism in Perspective). Camden House.
- Neill, Edward. The Politics of Jane Austen, 1999

- Smith, Grahame, Charles Dickens: A Literary Life, 1996
- Thomas, Jane. Thomas Hardy, Femininity and Dissent, 1999
- Watt, Ian The Rise of Novel. Chatto Windus, London, (1955-7)