

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur

Department of English

MA English Literature (Semester: 1)

Paper: Literary Criticism

Topics

Mid

Plato's Charges against poetry and theory of Imitation

Aristotle's Concept of Tragedy

Aristotle's Concept of a Tragic Hero

Aristotle's idea of Catharsis

Aristotle's concept of dramatic unities

Final

Samuel Johnson's ideas about Shakespearean tragedy

Samuel Johnson's ideas about Shakespearean comedy

Samuel Johnson's views about merits and demerits of Shakespeare

Introduction to Classicism and Romanticism

William Wordsworth's concept of Poetic Diction

William Wordsworth's ideas about rustic life

Suggested Reading

Aristotle, *Poetics* (Oxford: Oxford World's Classics, 2000)

Johnson, Samuel, *Preface to Shakespeare* (London: Dodo Press, 2001)

Wordsworth, William, *Preface to Lyrical Ballads* (London: Wordsworth, 2010)