

Title and Code of Course: Survey of English and American Literature 1.0 (Medieval and Renaissance English Literature) ERPB BAN 2368

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Course Description:

The aim of this course is to provide an in-depth survey of a representative selection of medieval and Renaissance English literature from *Beowulf* to the Milton's *Paradise Lost*. We will read texts of different genres and place them in the socio-historical background of the era. From the literature of the Middle Ages set texts will include Anglo-Saxon epic and elegiac poetry, works by the Sir Gawain poet, and a selection of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*. From the Renaissance period students will have to read excerpts from humanist treatises, Bible and psalm translations, Elizabethan sonnets, specimens of early modern criticism, Shakespeare's dramas, and seventeenth century poetry.

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