

To: ENG 220L-721 Literature and Gender Students
From: Professor Lisa R. Neilson
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Re: Welcome

Welcome to Literature and Gender, ENG 220L-721 25W. The course begins on Saturday, December 14, 2024 and ends Friday, January 17, 2025.

During this Winter Session, we will examine literary texts in order to study some of the social meanings of gender and how these change over time and in different cultural contexts. By the end of the session, students in this class will have a good understanding of the concepts of gender ideologies, gender inequality, and the institutionalization of gender. Please realize that we are squeezing work that is usually covered in a 15-week semester into 4 weeks. You will be earning three credits upon the completion of this course with the same quality and amount of content taught. You will need to log in often and participate frequently.

Because this is a 4-week course, we will dive right in, exploring texts and posing questions regarding the representations of gender in various pieces of literature. You will have access to the course site on the first day of the Winter Session. At that time, please take a few moments to explore our class site. Review the **Syllabus and the Schedule of Assignments** as well as each week's page. This class is organized by week. Weeks open on Saturdays at 8:00 AM and close on Fridays at 11:59 PM. Each week, you will have a Tuesday 11:59 PM deadline for some of the work and the rest will be due by Friday at 11:59 PM. Paying attention to details and thoroughly reading instructions are vital to your success in this course.

Most of the texts will be available on our course site on each week's page. One additional text required to purchase is:

- De La Cruz, Sharon Lee. *I'm a Wild Seed*. ISBN: 978-1951491055

This can be purchased from the Marist bookstore or other online vendors. Please make sure you have this by the time class begins. You will also need full internet access and a working device (laptop/tablet, smartphone or computer).

You can learn more about me on our course site. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time at lisa.neilson@marist.edu or (845) 594-6725.

I look forward to working with you. I think it will be a great "mini" semester!