



HON 4490/01 20th Century British Literature – Dr. Michelle Miles

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m., 3 credit hours

"Literature," writes novelist Salman Rushdie, "is where I go to explore the highest and lowest places in human society and in the human spirit, where I hope to find not absolute truth but the truth of the tale, of the imagination and of the heart." In this course, we will investigate the complex political, social, and cultural dimensions of twentieth-century Britain and its isles through the rich lens of literature. Commencing with the fin de siècle, transitioning swiftly into the brute decades of harrowing world war, and moving ultimately, towards a richly heterogeneous and increasingly cosmopolitan European landscape, students will be exposed to the dynamic historical elements of 20th century Britain, and its remarkable and capacious canon of literature.