Getting Started

First of all, welcome to English 221, Gothic and Horror Fiction! I'm looking forward to working with you.

Our first priority is getting you started successfully. If you're new to online, the first few weeks can be overwhelming. I promise that it gets easier, as long as you devote significant time at the beginning to setting up your computer properly and learning how to navigate our course site.

Whether you have taken an online course before or not, you will get the best start by spending about 3 or 4 hours exploring our course site. **Devote all the time you need to watch and follow the instructions in the CANVAS tutorial**, located directly underneath this link in this module. The various videos for the tutorial show you how to set up find and operate the basic tools of Canvas. I can't emphasize enough how important it is for your success in online classes to have your computer ready to go, and for you to be knowledgeable with our basic course tools.

**Once you've watched all the videos you'll want to look over our course site:**

1. Continue reading in the Start Here! module. The orientation material is located here: syllabus, meet your instructor, post an introduction, an Opening Week assignment, Literature Discussion Requirements, and Arts and Humanities policies.

2.Click on **Course Syllabus** to see the course syllabus which contains all of the important policies of the class. I have set aside the first few days of the quarter for you to carefully read this (and other) documents. Read this document carefully.

 Note my expectations, your responsibilities, the work required, where your grades come from, and who to contact for technology assistance.

 Next click on the link to read the Arts & Humanities Division policies. The English department is contained within the Arts & Humanities division, so these policies are important for you to refer to if a problem arises.

 Make sure you’ve read over all the requirements for the discussions, which form the basis for this class. Make sure that your schedule allows for your commitment to these discussions on a weekly basis.

3.Click on the tab to the **Calendar**. All due dates for the course are listed on the calendar pages. Please be sure to note that daily entries are given on this calendar. Daily entries refer to content that is posted elsewhere on the website site. For example, all lecture reading assignments are on the calendar page; however, lectures are available via the lectures button under in individual modules. If I add or make changes in the calendar, I will make that announcement in the class announcements section of the website.

4. Make sure you know where to find **"Announcements"** under Course Navigation tools in the lefthand sidebar. I use the Announcements almost daily as a way to communicate with you.

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