**HC 221H, Honors College World Literature Fall 2017**

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**Instructions for Reflective Essay: due by Wednesday, December 6, 12:15 pm** (include with your final exam)

The purpose behind the reflective essay (***maximum*** *length 500 words, or two typed double-spaced pages*) is for you to reflect on your written work for this term: to assess (honestly) your strengths and weaknesses, to pinpoint challenges that you wish to tackle next term.

* The best way to write this essay is to look over everything you've written for the term. Highlight the parts of your essays you liked best; highlight the parts where you felt confused, or fear you weren't terribly convincing. Think about what your hidden assumptions have been. Consider the comments I’ve made on your writing over the course of the term.
* Now using those highlighted parts as your evidence, evaluate your writing. Be as specific as possible, and cite your own work. Notice trends in your writing: what writing habits have you noticed, which ones do you want to keep, and which ones do you want to change?
* As a summary, set your writing goals for next term. More precise evidence? More daring? Better jokes? Do you have specific questions for your instructor in next term’s HC 222? What techniques that you've learned this term will stand you in good stead next term?

This essay will not be graded *per se*. Your honesty with yourself is what counts, and I will give you an evaluation of the sort I give you on your response papers. An important goal of your essay is to prepare yourself for Winter term.

I will provide your folder to your *next term’s*  HC 222 instructor to return to you. Visit or email me next term if you wish: I’m always happy to stay in touch. Check the CHC webpage for office hours and meeting location (I won’t have my own office in Chapman, but will, I hope, have a regular place in Chapman to hold office hours).