

# ENGL 4271/5271-D01 & WGST 4050/5050-002

## New Media: Gender, Culture, Technology

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### Course Description and Purpose

The term “new media” is a contested and evolving subject for the twenty-first century student. Traditionally, new media refers to the digital technologies that have inundated contemporary society—video games, webpages, digital photography, and social media platforms. This course will explore the ways in which new media reflect larger cultural myths, values, and attitudes. We will approach the study of new media by analyzing various media (TV, films, commercials, printed texts, webpages, video game sequences, etc.) and locating the cultural values incorporated within media to help us evaluate capitalism, militarization, fragmented realities, patriotism, the individual hero, gender roles, and even manifest destiny. Recent scholarship on new media reveals complex narratives that complicate traditional notions of textuality, so our study will not be just about the technologies behind new media, but about how cultures mediate these new “texts.”

### Course Objectives and Biases

I have a bias that drives my pedagogy, and I want to make this absolutely clear: **I believe that education for the sake of education is good in and of itself.** I don't make any claim that you will learn anything practical that you may directly apply to a 9-to-5 job, and I hope we engage only in abstract theoretical endeavors. This is a theory-rich course that questions the “truths” we hold; truths that are culturally mediated. There are no correct answers, but, as a rhetorician, I have a bias that your discussions will be sound, well-thought out, and resemble a commitment to logical reasoning. Another huge bias I have is that a university education is not about reinforcing student beliefs; instead, students should consider how their own biased perspectives/experiences have constructed their tastes, convictions, and opinions as they synthesize a new (preferably broader) intellectual appreciation of new (and traditional) media texts and technologies. In this course, students should push themselves to engage in critical thinking by developing their analytic faculties as well as field-specific vocabularies for talking about new media and theories surrounding new media. All students will have to articulate an understanding of the material that reflects the rhetorical sophistication and level of commitment to pursuing knowledge expected in graduate-level courses. Ideally, students will contemplate the role of media consumer or “critic” as that position relates to socially constructed norms and tastes.

### Texts and Materials

#### Required:

- Curran, James, Natalie Fenton, & Des Freedman. *Misunderstanding the Internet*. 2nd ed., Routledge, 2016. {9781138906228}. Full access available through Atkins Library: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315695624>
- Fisher, Mark. *Capitalism: Is There No Real Alternative?* 2nd ed., Zero, 2022. {978-1803414300}
- Green, Hank. *An Absolutely Remarkable Thing*. New York: Penguin, 2018. {978-1524743468}
- Malpas, Simon. *The Postmodern*. Routledge, 2005. {978-0415280655} Full access available through Atkins Library: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203307120>
- Course readings on [Canvas](#)

#### Recommended: Graphic Guides:

- Sardar, Ziauddin and Borin van Loon. *Introducing Cultural Studies: A Graphic Guide*. Icon Books, 2010. {978-1848311817}
- Locker, Laura and Jules Scheele. *American Politics: A Graphic Guide*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Icon Books, 2020. {978-1785786020}

- Films to watch:
- The Matrix (1999)—at least the first one
  - Inception (2010)
  - Social Dilemma (2020) —I will ridicule our social media and other zombie practices

## Expectations

I expect students to be prepared to participate in class discussions; therefore, students should finish all reading before the class meets. **There is quite a bit of reading in this course, but it is manageable, and, I assure you, I assign way more reading in other classes, so the reading load for this class seems light to me.** This course has a focus on American culture, so I will usually attempt to demonstrate, make visible prevailing American ideologies. We may point to non-American contexts, but this course does not attempt any comparative analysis overall. Students should be ready to write and reflect on their own assumptions that will absolutely be challenged throughout the semester as a pedagogical strategy to foster critical thinking. Unless otherwise stated, submit all assignments on Canvas. Please do not e-mail me any attachments. **Read. Be ready to reference our readings in every class period.**

UNC Charlotte adheres to the “Carnegie unit” for determining credit hours. This 3-credit course requires 150 minutes of classroom or direct faculty instruction and 300 minutes of out-of-class student work **each week for approximately 15 weeks.** Out-of-class work may include but is not limited to the following: reading, researching, doing assignments, and studying for exams. The above outside-of-class work expectations are derived from [Academic Affairs, II. Policy Statement](#).

## Work Requirements

Students in this course are expected to be able to complete unified, coherent documents nearly free of mechanical, logical, or structural errors. The ability to read advanced college-level texts critically is also a requirement. Students will write essays, do a presentation, take a midterm and final exam, and participate (online and in class). **All of these assignments must be completed to receive a passing grade in the course. Just because the assignments have percentage values below does not mean you will pass the course if your missing assignments do not drop you below 60%.**

## Assignments/Grade Distribution

ENGL & WGST 4000-level	Pts.	ENGL & WGST 5000-level	Pts.
Critical Analysis of Culture Essay	100	Critical Analysis of Culture Essay	100
Critical Media Analysis Project	200	Critical Media Analysis Project	200
Final Presentation	100	Final Presentation	100
Participation	200	Participation	200
Discussion Board Posts	200	Discussion Board Posts	200
Midterm Exam	100	Midterm Exam	100
Final Exam	100	Final Exam	100
		Graduate Student Theory Presentation	100
Total	1000	Total	1100

## Grading Policy

Your final grade is supposed to reflect your entire work for the semester and will be based on the percentages below:

Grading Scale for Graded Assignments and Final Grade:				
A= 90 – 100	B= 80 – 89	C= 70 – 79	D= 60 – 69	F=Below 60

## Definition of A, B, C, D, and F Grades

Remember, your final grade is a combination of the three areas above in the assignment percentage table. An 'A' means your work was excellent—not mediocre, average, or just good. A 'B' means your work was good—not quite excellent but definitely above average and thoughtful. A 'C' means your work was barely adequate enough to satisfy the assignment—showing a lack of effort or thought for the assignment guidelines. A 'D' or 'F' usually means assignments were late, missing, or incomplete—often this work does not demonstrate appropriate college-level work for a 4000-level course.

## Late Work

An assignment is due at the beginning of the class for which it was assigned. Honestly, there is no excuse for assignments being late in a 4000/5000-level class, but I have a policy anyway: **all late work will reduce the assignment by 10% (an entire letter grade) for each class period it is late.** Late Canvas posts will not be accepted. If you will not or cannot be in class on the day an assignment is due, the assignment is still due on Canvas by the deadline. I will not accept assignments attached to emails. If Canvas is down, submit your work when it's back up. Please discuss any problems you may have regarding attendance or late work before class if at all possible. Remember, you are responsible for making up all work missed. Something I've learned from past semesters is that if you don't turn things in on time early in the semester, you end up not turning other things in on time (or at all). Do your best to get all your work in to me on time. If you are absent, get the information from another student. Do not expect me to e-mail the class notes to you. You are responsible for making up all work missed. Of course, never e-mail me and ask, "so...like, Dr. Toscano, man...did we...like...you know...do anything the other day in class?"

## Attendance

I will take attendance every day. It is very important that you attend every class in order to keep up with the work and reading. Your grade will be lowered after missing 4 classes. Your final grade will be lowered by a full letter grade for each day missed beyond 4 absences. After 8 absences (four weeks of class), you will receive a failing grade for the course. Please make an effort to come to every class on time. Don't just skip class because you feel you have four "free" days. Save your absences for emergencies. There are no such things as excused absences. Only students participating in UNC Charlotte sponsored activities (with the proper documentation) will not be penalized for missing class. I will ask you to request a meeting with the Dean of Students office if you have situations that you feel should allow you an exception to missing more than 3 classes: <https://dso.charlotte.edu/>. Cars break down, parking is limited, students get sick, and traffic is brutal, but class still happens. Your participation may also be lowered for excessive tardiness.

Please note that UNC Charlotte is under a federal mandate to comply with a new financial aid rule that requires professors to identify the last date of attendance for students receiving 'D' or 'F' grades. Please visit the following webpage for more information: <https://registrar.charlotte.edu/gradingholds/last-date-attendance>.

## Participation

This is not a drill-and-skill type of course. I expect everyone to be involved in class discussions, which are extremely important for critical thinking. You must contribute to class discussions. Twenty percent (20%) of your grade is based on participation.

In-class participation means you are ready to be called on **at any time** to respond to a question, prompt, and/ or suggestion about the course material. Yes, I will call on you in class periodically, so be prepared to demonstrate that you're reflecting thoughtfully on the readings. Thoughtful reflection doesn't mean you give THE answer; instead, it means you show awareness for the complexity of our subject by describing your interpretation or asking questions that demonstrate critical thinking (as opposed to certainty). **We embrace ambiguity in this course.**

Merely showing up will not get you participation credit—you must engage the course materials. If you're not in class, you can't receive credit, so your participation grade will be affected. I will note your participation (or lack thereof) daily. Thoughtful participation means that you engage critically in our discussions or ask engaging questions about the subject. Simply making jokes or telling the class an irrelevant story about some garbage reality TV program does not warrant thoughtful participation. **Doing work for another class or distracting other students will lower your participation grade—even to the point of falling below 20% (meaning, you can have a negative participation grade).**

Please see me ASAP if you're concerned about your participation grade because you're shy or if you don't understand these requirements. Telling me at the end of November that you didn't participate because you're the quiet type or because you didn't understand what "thoughtful" meant will be too late. Even worse, e-mailing me after the semester is over to complain that participation isn't a "valid" class assignment is too late. The purpose of participation is for students to have control over their own learning and to reinforce critical thinking generally and "critical technological awareness" specifically. I am willing to provide a quasi-alternative to supplement a student's participation grade, but please note that discussion, which allows speakers to exchange ideas, is an extremely important component of critical thinking. One alternative is to do additional class reflections either under the Supplemental Participation section on [Canvas](#) or somewhere on your online presence. Please discuss this alternative with me early in the semester...like today!

## Academic Integrity

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte is an academic community dedicated to teaching, scholarship, service, inclusion, and the holistic development of Students. Academic integrity is a cornerstone value of the University's intellectual community. It is important to nurture an atmosphere of honesty, fairness, trust, respect, and **mutual responsibility. Integrity is essential because it ensures that Students fairly benefit from their educational experience and pursuits of knowledge.** Violating the principles of academic integrity damages the reputation of the University and undermines its educational mission and goals.

The University recognizes that Academic Misconduct detracts from the value of a UNC Charlotte degree and has influence beyond the University community, including relationships with employers, other educational institutions, the business community, the UNC system, and the community at large.

The purpose of the Code is to:

1. support and promote an ethical learning environment;
2. create consistent standards for all members of the academic community;
3. **assist Students in learning responsibility for one's own academic work;**
4. protect the academic environment of the University community; and
5. **clarify Student values and how they relate to the behavior in question.**

Definitions of Academic Dishonesty (From University Policy: 407, Ch. 6—<https://legal.uncc.edu/policies/up-407#c6>)

- A. **Cheating** means using or attempting to use materials, or giving assistance or materials without Authorization to another in any academic exercise that could result in gaining or helping another to gain academic advantage.
- B. **Fabrication** means providing fabricated information, including inventing or counterfeiting information, in any form in an academic exercise.
- C. **Falsification** means altering without Authorization any data or information, regardless of communication method (e.g., e-mail or other electronic communication), in an academic exercise.
- D. **Misuse of Academic Materials** means sharing, distributing, altering, acquiring, damaging, or making inaccessible academic materials without Authorization, that could result in gaining or helping another to gain an academic advantage.
- E. **Multiple Submission** means submitting academic work or substantial portions of the same academic work (including oral reports) in more than one academic exercise without Authorization.

- F. **Plagiarism** means presenting the words or ideas of another as one's own words or ideas, including failing to properly acknowledge a source, unless the ideas or information are common knowledge. Plagiarism includes self-plagiarism, which is the use of one's own previous work in another context without indicating that it was used previously.
- G. **Unauthorized Collaboration** means sharing the work or effort in an academic exercise with another Student or Students without Authorization.
- H. **Research Misconduct** means a determination that Research Misconduct has occurred under [University Policy 309, Responding to Allegations of Misconduct in Research and Scholarship](#) and its [Supplemental Procedures](#). (See Chapter 3, Section III of the Code.)

**If you try to pass off any work in full or part as your own without proper credit being given to the original source—you will receive an 'F' in this course. If you use non-sanctioned resources (e.g., other classmates) to complete tests and exams, you will receive an 'F' in this course.**

In addition to the above identification of Academic Dishonesty, students should be aware of technology-mediated concerns related to Academic Integrity. The Oxford English Dictionary defines "integrity" as "The condition of having no part or element taken away or wanting; undivided or unbroken state; material wholeness, completeness, entirety." A second definition states that integrity means, "The condition of not being marred or violated; unimpaired or uncorrupted condition; original perfect state; soundness." Therefore, anything that draws students' attention away from course activities and goals violates the essence of academic integrity because it corrupts the soundness and condition of learning. For instance, engaging in critical thinking/awareness is a sound, perfect state activity for this course; on the other hand, devoting attention to facebook, texting/messaging, non-class-related internet activities (e-mailing, etc.) violates or corrupts the learning goals of this course, specifically violating sub point #3 of the "purpose of the Code," which is intended to "assist Students in learning responsibility for one's own academic work." Although we may point to the internet in general and social media sites specifically in our discussions of 21st-Century communication, engrossing oneself in them during class to "catch up with friends" divides your attention and may be distracting to members of this class. This violation is as serious as plagiarism and will result in an 'F' in participation (the entire 15% of your grade) the first time and an 'F' in this course for a subsequent violation. This syllabus section is your warning. Yes, it is obvious when you are using laptops and handheld devices to take notes or when you use them to corrupt the learning environment.

You will also receive an 'F' in the course for other academic integrity violations. Do not expect another warning—this is it. Please see me if you need further clarification regarding cheating, fabrication or falsification of information, multiple submission of academic work, plagiarism, or complicity in academic dishonesty. Again, so there's no confusion, you will most likely fail the course if you violate any part of the academic integrity code.

## **Instructional Modifications**

Students who have a condition that may impair their ability to complete assignments or otherwise satisfy course criteria are encouraged to meet with professionals to identify, discuss, and document any feasible instructional modifications or accommodations. Please inform me about circumstances as soon as possible. I don't need specifics, but I do need to know what accommodations to make. For information and assistance, contact the Disabilities Resource Center: <https://ds.charlotte.edu/>.

## **Statement of Academic Freedom**

I strongly encourage students to use class as a place for free inquiry and intellectual growth. Although we as a class will not always agree or be comfortable with the views of others, every student has the right to their own tastes and convictions. I promise to be fair and always support your right to look at the world from your own position, but I encourage all students to branch out and consider multiple perspectives. If you think texts (all media included here) have single, objectively reasoned meanings...well, you're about to get a radical new perspective in this course. Our biases filter our interpretations of the world around us. Family, culture, media, law, religion, etc. influence how we perceive the world. Your perspectives might be similar to those close to you, but your worldview isn't universally held.

**I will not tolerate any harassment or abuse (emotional or physical) or any instance where others adversely affect students' learning. Remember, harassment isn't just verbal—making harassing or abusive posts won't be tolerated.**

## Title IX Mandated Reporting

{This section is often subject to change based on federal changes that could happen during the semester. We will abide by any new regulations.}

UNC Charlotte is committed to providing an environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you (or someone you know) has experienced or experiences any of these incidents, know that you are not alone. UNC Charlotte has staff members trained to support you in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more.

**Please be aware that many UNC Charlotte employees, including all faculty members, are considered [Responsible Employees](#) who are required to relay any information or reports of sexual misconduct they receive to the Title IX Coordinator.** This means that if you tell me about a situation involving sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, I must [report the information to the Title IX Coordinator](#). Although I have to report the situation, you will still have options about how your case will be handled, including whether or not you wish to pursue a formal complaint. Our goal is to make sure you are aware of the range of options available to you and have access to the resources you need.

If you wish to speak to someone confidentially, please contact any of the following on-campus resources, who are not required to report the incident to the Title IX Coordinator: (1) University Counseling Center ([caps.charlotte.edu](https://caps.charlotte.edu), 7-0311); (2) Student Health Center ([studenthealth.charlotte.edu](https://studenthealth.charlotte.edu), 7-7400); or (3) Center for Wellness Promotion ([wellness.charlotte.edu](https://wellness.charlotte.edu), 7-7407). Additional information about your options is also available at the [Office of Civil Rights and Title IX](#) under the "Students" tab.

## Safety and Security Information

UNC Charlotte's Emergency Management offers the following safety tips. Visit [emergency.charlotte.edu](https://emergency.charlotte.edu) for more information, and Download the [Livesafe app](#), which connects you to campus police via phone or text 24/7.

- 911 dialed from a mobile phone connects to CMPD and can slow down response.
- Alternatively, you can put the UNC Charlotte Police emergency number in your phone: 704-687-2200.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and know the quickest escape routes: exit doors, windows, etc.
- Safety and Security offers a variety of trainings to students. For more information, visit: <https://police.charlotte.edu/safety>
- Remember: Personal pepper spray is allowed on campus; however, [these weapons are prohibited](#).

### **Action Directives included from Emergency Management's "[Preparedness](#)":**

**Run-Hide-Fight** is the individual's Action Directive for an active assailant.

- **RUN:** If outside or in a building and it is safe to flee, run and leave the campus if possible.
- **HIDE:** If you are in a building and unsure of where the threat is, find the closest room in which to hide. Close, lock and/or barricade doors if they do not lock. Do not huddle in one location. Remain quiet.
- **FIGHT:** This is a last-resort option. Do not seek the assailant. If you come into direct contact with the individual, use any means necessary to defend yourself.

A **Seek Shelter** directive is normally issued during severe weather or hazardous material releases.

If a Seek Shelter is ordered:

- Stay inside if you are indoors.
- If outside, quickly go to the nearest building.
- Once indoors, find a fitting room or space in the building to shelter. Stay away from windows.

An **Evacuation** can be for either a single building, area, or the entire campus. Further information and direction will be included in the NinerAlert.

## Inclement Weather/Building Issues/Apocalypse

Some buildings can have HVAC problems. Occasionally, the powers that be close buildings and classes are canceled because it is too brutally hot to remain inside. If a building related "issue" cancels class, continue to keep up with the class webpage, readings, and [Canvas](#) posts. The library has lots of space and many computers. We'll pick up where we left off on the syllabus when we return to class. This also goes for inclement weather and other situations that cancel class.

## Important Dates and Administrative Information

The syllabus schedule on the last two pages has important dates for readings, tests, and exams. Students are responsible for not only knowing course deadlines but also knowing UNC Charlotte deadlines (drop/add, billing, vacation, etc.). Please visit [the Office of the Registrar for the official calendar](#).

## Right to Make Changes

I reserve the right to make changes to the syllabus when necessary to meet learning objectives, to compensate for missed classes, or to make our lives easier.

## Schedule for Readings and Assignments

(Have readings and assignments done before class.)

August 19	<b>Introduction to the Course:</b> Go over the syllabus and introduce the class material Know where the readings are located books and <a href="#">Canvas</a> .
August 21	<b>Asimov, Isaac.</b> "Cult of Ignorance." <i>Newsweek</i> , 21 Jan 1980, p. 19. <b>Fricke, David.</b> " <a href="#">The E Street Band Keep Rolling in '09.</a> " <i>Rolling Stone</i> 1070 (22 Jan 2009): 14.
August 26*	<b>Conniff, Richard.</b> "In the Name of the Law: How to Win Arguments without Really Trying." <i>Smithsonian</i> , vol. 38, no. 7, 2007, p. 128. <b>Botros, Alena.</b> "The 'Oracle of Wall Street' expands on why the 'crisis of the American male'..." <i>Fortune.com</i> , 12 Apr. 2024. <a href="#">On Yahoo! Finance</a> .
August 28	<b>Mervin, David.</b> "The News Media and Democracy in the United States." <i>Democratization and the Media</i> , edited by Vicky Randall. Cass, 1998, pp. 6-22. <b>Jefferson, Thomas et. al.</b> "The Declaration of Independence." 4 July 1776. <a href="#">National Archives</a> You should begin reading <b>Malpas, Simon.</b> <i>The Postmodern</i> . Routledge, 2005
*August 26 <sup>th</sup> : Last day to register. If you're not registered, you will not be allowed to continue in the course.	
September 2	<b>Labor Day Holiday—No Class</b>
September 4	<b>McLuhan, Marshall.</b> "The Medium is the Message." <i>Understanding Media: The Extensions of Man</i> . Signet, 1964, pp. 7-21. <b>Federman, Mark.</b> "What is the Meaning of the Medium is the Message?" 2004. ( <a href="#">Online</a> )
September 9	<b>Habermas, Jurgen.</b> "The Public Sphere: An Encyclopedia Article." Translated by Sara Lennox and Frank Lennox. <i>Media and Cultural Studies: Keywords</i> , edited by Meenakshi Gigi Durham and Douglas M. Keller. Blackwell, 2001, pp. 102-107.
September 11	<b>Fraser, Nancy.</b> "What's Critical about Critical Theory? The Case of Habermas and Gender." <i>Feminist Interpretations and Political Theory</i> , edited by Mary Lyndon Shanley and Carole Pateman. Pennsylvania State UP, 1991, pp. 252-256.



September 16	<b>Barker, Chris and Emma A. Jane.</b> "Ch. 9: Sex, Subjectivity, and Representation." <i>Cultural Studies: Theory and Practice</i> . 5th ed., Sage, 2016, pp. 342-399.
September 18 <b>**DUE**</b>	<b>Critical Cultural Analysis Essay DUE</b> <b>Malpas, Simon.</b> <i>The Postmodern</i> . pp. 1-32

\*September 19<sup>th</sup>: Deadline to apply for December 2024 graduation

September 23	<b>Malpas, Simon.</b> <i>The Postmodern</i> . pp. 33-79
September 25	<b>Malpas, Simon.</b> <i>The Postmodern</i> . pp. 80-132 (end of book) <b>Marx, Karl and Engels, Friedrich.</b> "The Ruling Class and the Ruling Ideas." Translated by Richard Dixon et. al. <i>Media and Cultural Studies: Keywords</i> , edited by Meenakshi Gigi Durham and Douglas M. Keller. Blackwell, 2001, pp. 39-42.

September 30	<b>Fisher, Mark.</b> <i>Capitalist Realism: Is There No Alternative?</i> 2nd ed., Zero, 2022.
October 2	<b>Fisher, Mark.</b> "What Is Hauntology?" <i>Film Quarterly</i> , vol. 66, no. 1, 2012, pp. 16-24.

October 7	<b>Barthes, Roland.</b> "Novels and Children." <i>Mythologies</i> . Hill and Wang, 1972, pp. 50-52.
October 9 <b>**MIDTERM**</b>	<b>No Class Meeting—MIDTERM on Canvas:</b> Covers Readings up to this point <b>Be Reading one or both of these over your break:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Curran, James, Natalie Fenton, &amp; Des Freedman.</b> <i>Misunderstanding the Internet</i></li> <li>• <b>Hank Green's An Absolutely Remarkable Thing</b></li> </ul>

October 14	<b>Fall Break—No Class</b>
October 16*	<b>Conference—No Class</b> Film on Kanopy through Atkins Library: <a href="#">Killing Us Softly 4: Advertising's Image of Women</a> (2010)

\*October 17<sup>th</sup>: Last day to withdraw from a course or courses; [grade subject to cumulative Withdrawal Policy](#).

October 21	<b>Curran, James, Natalie Fenton, &amp; Des Freedman.</b> <i>Misunderstanding the Internet</i> . 2nd ed., Routledge, 2016, pp. vii-84. Preface, Chapter 1, and Chapter 2
October 23	<b>Curran, James, Natalie Fenton, &amp; Des Freedman.</b> <i>Misunderstanding the Internet</i> . 2nd ed., Routledge, 2016, pp. 85-144. Chapter 3 and Chapter 4

October 28*	<b>Curran, James, Natalie Fenton, &amp; Des Freedman.</b> <i>Misunderstanding the Internet</i> . 2nd ed., Routledge, 2016, pp. 145-209. Chapter 5, Chapter 6, Chapter 7
October 30	<b>Vance, Carole S.</b> "Social Construction Theory and Sexuality." <i>Constructing Masculinity</i> . Eds. Maurice Berger, Brian Wallis, & Simon Watson. Routledge, 1995, pp. 37-48. <b>Seidman, Steven.</b> "Sex Work." <i>The Social Construction of Sexuality</i> . Norton, 2003, pp. 114-122 and pp. 144-145.

\*October 28<sup>th</sup>: Registration for Spring 2025 begins

November 4	<b>Green, Hank.</b> <i>An Absolutely Remarkable Thing</i> . Ch. 1-Ch. 8, pp. 1-118
November 6	<b>Green, Hank.</b> <i>An Absolutely Remarkable Thing</i> . Ch. 9-Ch. 13, pp. 119-222

November 11	<b>Veteran's Day Holiday—No Class</b>
November 13	<b>Green, Hank.</b> <i>An Absolutely Remarkable Thing</i> . Ch. 14-Ch. 24, pp. 223-338

November 18	<b>McRobbie, Angela.</b> "Feminism, Postmodernism, and the 'Real Me.'" <i>Media and Cultural Studies: Keywords</i> , edited by Meenakshi Gigi Durham and Douglas M. Keller. Blackwell, 2001, pp. 598-610.
November 20	<b>Rich, Adrienne.</b> "Compulsory Heterosexuality and Lesbian Experience." <i>Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society</i> , vol. 5, no. 4, 1980, pp. 631-660.



November 25 <b>**DUE**</b>	<b>Critical Media Analysis Project DUE</b> Presentation Discussion and semester catch up/review Do the Online Teaching Evaluations
November 27	<b>Thanksgiving Break—No Class</b>
December 2	Presentations Do the Online Teaching Evaluations
December 4	<b>Last Day of Class</b> Presentations Do the Online Teaching Evaluations
December 11 <b>**Final Exam**</b>	<b>FINAL EXAM</b> Presentations—the rest of you must present

**Commencement December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> (congratulations)**