

## **Law and Literature Reading List, Spring 2012.**

This class satisfies the writing requirement. Your grade is based on your papers (3 short ones, due at semester thirds, or you may consolidate two into one longer paper), class participation, and weekly quizzes.

Your grade formula is the minimum of (quiz grades, and 0.5 paper grade + 0.5 class participation grade). In other words, if your quiz grades are lower than that specified weighted average, your quiz grade is your grade. Otherwise I average your paper and participation grades and this is almost always what happens because people come well prepared for the quizzes.

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The New English Bible, Oxford Study Edition

Billy Budd and Other Tales, by Hermann Melville.

The Metamorphosis, In the Penal Colony, and Other Stories, by Franz Kafka.

In the Belly of the Beast, by Jack Henry Abbott.

Borges and the Eternal Orangutans, by Fernando Verrissimo.

Glaspell's Trifles, available on-line.

Sherlock Holmes, The Complete Novels and Stories, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, volume 1.

I, Robot, by Isaac Asimov.

Moby Dick, by Hermann Melville, excerpts, chapters 89 and 90, available on-line.

Year's Best SF 9, edited by David G. Hartwell and Kathryn Cramer.

G.K. Chesterton, The Man Who Was Thursday

Edgar Allen Poe, The Gold-Bug, available on-line.

Joseph Conrad, The Secret Agent.

Running the Books, by Avi Steinberg.

Sakhalin Island, Anton Chekhov. tr. Brian Reeve.

Death and the Maiden, Ariel Dorfman.

The Pledge, Friedrich Durrenmatt. tr. Joel Agee.

Red Harvest, Dashiell Hammett.

Red April, by Santiago Roncagliolo

The Crime of Sheila McGough, Janet Malcolm

Leslie Katz, "John Keats's Attitudes to Lawyers,"  
[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1307146](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1307146)

Some additions to this list will be made as we proceed, mostly a few short articles.

We also will view a small number of movies on legal themes. You will be responsible for obtaining these or for viewing them in the theater.