Prerequisites: Completion of at least ninety semester hours of coursework, including twelve semester hours of upper-division coursework in English or rhetoric and writing.

Description: In England the Great War—1914-1918—is far more important in British consciousness than World War II. On one day alone, July 1, 1916, England suffered 60,000 casualties in attacks along the Somme, and the psychological damage—to British confidence, to the idea of Empire—was incalculable. Certainly the impact on novelists and poets was profound as well. To this end we will study some of the major texts arising from the war and its aftermath.

Texts: Pat Barker, Regeneration
Robert Graves, Goodbye To All That
Sebastian Faulks, Birdsong

Requirements & Grading: Random pop quizzes: 20%; class participation including attendance (10%); 16-page research paper (70%). Grades will be based on an A-F system, no pluses & minuses. Note: Appropriate text must be brought to each class meeting. All films or film footage will be subject to examinations the same as written texts. All handouts are considered texts as well and therefore subject to exam questions.

Schedule:

July

12 M Intro.
13 T Lecture; “field trip”
14 W John Masefield, “August, 1914” (handout); Rupert Brooke, “The Soldier”; Alan Seeger, “Rendevouz”; John McCrae, “In Flanders Fields”
15 Th Poems cont.
16 F Pat Barker, Regeneration

19 M Barker cont.
20 T Barker cont.
21 W Barker cont.
22 Th Film: Paths of Glory
23 Film: Paths of Glory

26 M Robert Graves, Goodbye To All That
27 T Graves cont.
28 W Graves cont.
29 Th Graves cont.
30 F Siegfried Sassoon, Poems

August

2 M Sassoon, Poems
3 T Wilfred Owen, Poems
4 W Owen, Poems
5 Th Owen, Poems
6 F Sebastian Faulks, Birdsong

9 M Faulks cont.
10 T Faulks cont.
11 W Faulks cont.
Final
14 S or 16 M

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