

# Course Contract

## LIT 3101: Literature of the Western World 1

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Since LIT 3101 is a Gordon Rule course, a minimum of 6000 words must be written by the end of the semester for a satisfactory completion. While you have no choice on the number of words, you may decide on how you wish to accomplish this goal. Below, I list several choices on how you may fulfill your writing requirement; please pick one and turn this signed contract in to me no later than Tuesday, September 1. Please note, regardless of what option you choose, *half* of your writing (i.e. 3000 words) will be due before the mid-term exam during week eight.

### Option One

Keep a weekly journal (10 entries of 600 words) that addresses aspects of your reading for that week.

### Option Two

Write two, well-polished, 3000-word essays on any aspect of any literature that we have discussed this semester.

### Option Three

One 6000-word research essay that examines an aspect of a work, or works, of literature that we have discussed this semester. A bibliography of at least ten sources and a prospectus is due to me before mid-term.

### Option Four

Six, 1000-word textual explications of texts that we study this semester. These explications should utilize current critical methods and schools of thought, e.g., feminist, new-historicist, deconstructionist, new critical, Marxist, etc. Each mini-essay should reference at least one critic's work on the same piece of literature.

### Option Five

A hypertextual project presented in HTML or in PDF format. This project may combine any of the above options, or may be an extensive, annotated bibliography of one of the works or authors that we cover this semester.

I have chosen option: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

