

Department of English & Writing Studies

English 2074G (001)
Mystery and Detective Fiction
Winter 2024

SYLLABUS NAVIGATION

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Passage Analysis

Due 28 February

Value 20%

A Passage Analysis is an exercise in which students are assigned an excerpt from a longer work already studied in class and are asked to compose a brief but detailed analysis of it. In this exercise, you will test and develop your close reading and interpretive skills in preparation for the longer essay assignment and the exam at the end of the term. Length 1000-1200 words.

Essay

Due 20 March

Value 25%

This is a comparative essay that asks you to examine one of the key constituent elements of detective fiction (the body, the scene of the crime, the detective(s), criminality and the law, justice, or evidence) in two texts on the course. Length 1500 words.

Final Exam

Date TBA

Value 35%

The final exam will evaluate your knowledge of texts on the course and your understanding of key terms, concepts, and contextual information discussed in class. Length 3 hours.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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