26 May 2020: Welcome back from the long weekend...and welcome to your last week as a senior! Congratulations! The final lecture for Othello will post later today, and I will have the information regarding your final today, as well.  
  
22 May 2020: Happy Friday! The lecture for Act III has posted, and the plan is to have Act IV posted this afternoon. The reading schedule is given in the Google Classrooms page, so please keep up with that. Grades for all Much Ado About Nothing papers received have been released. I will have information about the process for the final by Tuesday at the latest.  
  
18 May 2020: Welcome back from the weekend! You should be done with Act II (and thoroughly offended at Iago by this time) and well into Act III. A new lecture is scheduled to post this morning by 11:00.  
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12 May 2020: New lecture is recorded, but it is not formatting through Zoom properly. I am attempting to get this situation resolved. It will cover Act I and should be either posted or re-recorded and posted later this afternoon. Students should be starting to read Act II.  
  
8 May 2020: Happy Friday! Make sure you have Othello and get Act I read for Monday. Essay is due on the 14th.  
  
7 May 2020: Much Ado About Nothing test results should go out tomorrow. Stay up on your prewriting...your essay for MAAN is due on the 14th!  
  
6 May 2020: A new lecture going over the basics of Othello posted yesterday. Please read Act I by Monday the 11th.  
  
5 May 2020: Make sure to take the Much Ado About Nothing test today. Also, please download Othello.

4 May 2020: Thanks to those who made it to our Much Ado About Nothing  screening on Friday. If you were unable to attend, you will need to locate the movie and watch it in order to complete the essay. If you are unable to do so, please contact me and we can figure out a way to screen it again.  
  
1 May 2020: Joss Whedon's version of Much Ado About Nothing will be the Zoom meeting for today. Bring any questions and bring your notes. Invites have been sent.  
Test will be Tuesday of next week and the essay question will be posted in the Google Classroom.  
  
29 April 2020: Look for a new lecture to post before noon today.  
I have posted a link to a very interesting discussion on story construction (thanks to Ms. Lambert for the information).   
Our meeting to go over the Whedon version of MAAN will be on Friday, May 1st at 1:15.  
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28 April 2020: Reminder to submit your (very) short essays today and to be working on finishing Much Ado About Nothing. I will be posting a new lecture covering the end of the play tomorrow, and I will send out meeting invites for the movie as well.  
  
27 April 2020: Happy Monday to everyone! I hope you all had a good weekend. I will be posting our next reading assignment today on Google Classrooms, and don't forget about the writing assignment, due tomorrow.

24 April 2020: Make sure to complete your reading for Monday (Act IV and Act V, scene i). There is also a short writing assignment due Tuesday afternoon (the 28th).  
  
22 April 2020: Hello! There is a new lecture posted to the Google Classroom environment. Please check that out. The new assignment for Monday is to read Act IV (a short, two-scene act) and the first scene of Act V.  
  
21 April 2020: Happy Tuesday! Look for a new lecture to be released today after 2:00 pm. There is a short quiz to take in the Google Classroom environment, so please make sure to complete that. EDIT: Due to technical problems with other lectures, today's lecture for Classic Literature is postponed until tomorrow.  
  
20 April 2020: Make sure you have read through Act III for today. I will post the date for the next lecture later today. If you were unable to see the movie last week, check Amazon streaming if that is an option for you.  
  
17 April 2020: Have Act III read for Monday. I was informed that the Branagh version of Much Ado About Nothing is streaming on Amazon, so if you missed it or want to see it again, that might be an option for you!

15 April 2020: Good morning! It was great seeing you all yesterday! I miss having everyone in class, but hopefully you enjoyed the film. For those who could not be there, please email me and we can work out an alternative viewing. We will be referencing both films, so it is something you need to see at some point. The reading assignment is to finish Act III by Monday.  
  
14 April 2020: I hope to see all of you for our first live Zoom meeting at 1:30. We will go over any questions and, hopefully, get started with the Much Ado About Nothing film. Your meeting info has been emailed to you, but let me know if you need it sent again.  
  
13 April 2020: Good morning! You should all be up through Act II for today.   
  
**MEETING:** I will be starting the Kenneth Branagh version of the play in a Zoom meeting tomorrow at 1:15 (Tuesday, 14 April). Judging by the responses I got (2/3 of the class), that time should work for everyone. It is not mandatory, but it will be helpful (if I can get it all to work). I look forward to seeing all of you! Check your emails for the Zoom meeting and password codes.

9 April 2020: Tomorrow (Friday, April 10) starts the three-day Spring Holiday, so finish your reading today and enjoy a little time off after the last couple of weeks of adaptation! See you Monday!  
  
8 April 2020: Good morning! I hope you all have had a chance to watch the lecture from Monday. If not, give it a viewing when you have the opportunity. I hope everyone is enjoying the play, and remember to email me with any questions or comments.

6 April 2020: Hello! I hope you all had a great weekend! I will have a lecture posted here by 2:00 pm today. I had a few people let me know about their availability to check out some Shakespeare during a live Zoom (thank you to those who did!), so I will be moving forward on that front. Please let me know if you have availability concerns. This lecture is just over 39 minutes.  [Shakespeare Lecture 2](http://weebly-file/5/9/3/0/59304083/shakespeare_lecture_2.mp4)  
(The problem with the link appears to be resolved. Please let me know if any of you have issues with playback.)  
Assignment: Read Act II for Monday, April 13.  
NOTE: I will be moving older posts from this list to help minimize the scrolling needed to see new information. I will post a link to the archived information, or you can email me with any questions you might have.

**6 April 2020: Hello! I hope that everyone had a great weekend! I will putting older assignments in an archived file starting this week so that your scrolling will be minimized. I will post a link to the file for the individual classes if you need to check, or you can always email me with any questions.**

**30 March 2020: Good morning everyone! Welcome back! This morning, I will be answering initial emails from you guys and trying to make sure that everyone has the access that they need. If you have already checked in with me, thank you so much. If you haven't, no worries...I will be in contact today using the address that we have on file. Each of my classes has its own section below, so check it out and, of course, please let me know if there is anything that you need.   
  
26 March 2020: First Zoom posting! This is a greeting for all classes, so take a look and see what you think (sound quality is a little off, and my dog helped).**[**Pond First Zoom**](http://weebly-file/5/9/3/0/59304083/pond_intro_zoom.mp4) **​25 March 2020: Look to this space for an addendum to the syllabus for your class and for information about how to access these classes. This will be updated throughout the day on Wednesday the 25th as links go live.  
FOR ALL CLASSES, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:**[Classroom expectations](http://weebly-file/5/9/3/0/59304083/pond_managing_expectations_amid_covid-19.docx)

Please start by reading the classroom expectations file linked in the first paragraph above.  
  
3 April 2020: We made it to the first Friday! Now that we have a better idea about how this will work, we can start covering more material. I have heard from almost all of you; if you have not yet checked in, please do so as soon as you can. For Monday, you should have:  
Read the article (linked below) about Shakespeare's prose and poetry.  
Read Act I of Much Ado About Nothing.  
Watched the first lecture.  
(Optional) Read the linked article about money in Shakespeare's time.  
  
2 April 2020: Here is an interesting explanation of money in Shakespeare's time. If you have ever wondered why a 'pound' was called a pound or what in the heck two pence was...well, now you know! [Shakespeare's Money](http://weebly-file/5/9/3/0/59304083/shakespeares_money.docx).  
  
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27 March 2020: Hello! I look forward to class starting up on Monday, even if it will be quite a bit different than usual. Please send me an email and let me know if you are having any issues getting the play. Also, some of the material will work better if we can all meet at the same time on Zoom, and since there are only ten of us, I am hoping that we can arrange that.  
  
We are going to start off with the comedy Much Ado About Nothing. Here is a link to a free version of the play:  
<http://shakespeare.mit.edu/much_ado/index.html>  
  
​You are, of course, welcome to use a print version also. If you cannot obtain the downloadable version or a print copy, please email me and I will try to find a solution. To prepare, please read "Verse and Prose in Shakespeare" (accessed 18 March 2020):  
<https://www.bl.uk/shakespeare/articles/prose-and-verse-in-shakespeares-plays>  
  
We will have a slow and methodical beginning to the class to get everyone up to speed. Your first assignment is read "Verse and Prose in Shakespeare" and obtain a copy of Much Ado About Nothing. Then set up a Zoom account. Once you have checked off these items, email me by Friday, April 3. If you have been unable to complete these three items, do not worry. This is new for all of us. Just email me with your progress and we will move on from there!  
  
Many of your classes will be asking you to set up a Zoom account. I am planning on doing some recorded Zoom lectures as well, so you should be working on getting that accomplished.

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