Welcome to Humanities 8, Spring 2015

The information below will acquaint you with the scope of the course and its requirements. Additional specific information, including assignments, dates of quizzes and examinations, and deadlines will be found in the course syllabus on the ETUDES website.

This class begins on February 9, 2015 at 6:00am and ends on June 5, 2015 at 11:59PM. You will not be able to access your course before the first day of class. If you have not logged in and participated by the end of the first week of class you will be dropped. Students who are dropped might not be reinstated.

You can access the syllabus on my webpage: http://professordeannaheikkinen.weebly.com/
Click on Los Angeles Valley College, then on the syllabus link for this class.

On February 9, 2015 you may access your online class by logging in at this URL:

https://myetudes.org/portal

This is a completely online course. It will present the same information that a traditional course will, thus you need to make sure you can commit to:

- checking the ETUDES website at least every other day
- keep up with assignments and readings
- communicating with me if you encounter any issues or have any problems over the duration of the course.

*THIS COURSE REQUIRES A COMMITMENT OF 10-12 HOURS A WEEK IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

*YOU NEED TO BE SELF-MOTIVATED AND ABLE TO COMPLETE THE ASSIGNMENTS ON TIME IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A PASSING GRADE.

Please review the information on Los Angeles Valley College’s (LAVC) Online Classes website at http://www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley/index.html where you will find links for online course information.

**Required Books:**
LeGuin, Ursula. Left Hand of Darkness, Ace Books, 9780441007318
Austen, Jane. Emma, Penguin, 9780141439587
Rand, Ayn. Anthem, Signet, 9780451191137

Assigned readings throughout the course to be distributed or accessed via ETUDES. All students will be required to participate in the ETUDES online website to gain access to assignment sheets and turn in assignments in a PDF format. Instruction on accessing ETUDES and how to create PDF documents will be provided in the first week of class. Internet and computer access is available on campus in the library and other student service centers.
**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** A cultural survey of the lives and contributions of selected individuals such as Hatshepsut, Elizabeth I, Madame Curie, Virginia Woolf and others whose impact helped to shape the eras in which they lived. This course will explore both the lives and eras with an appreciation of both their historical importance and their individual contributions to our cultural heritage.

**ONLINE REQUIREMENTS:** In order to succeed in any online course, you must have a reliable PC or Mac, personal email address, Internet access with a reliable web browser, a word processing program such as Microsoft Word, and have some basic computer skills including how to attach files to emails for this class.

Computer “malfunctions” are not acceptable reasons for incomplete assignments or missed deadlines. Back-up computers are available at West Los Angeles College, and many public libraries. Success in online classes is dependent upon self-motivation, and regular online interaction with fellow students and the instructor.

**Getting started in Humanities 8 online:**

- Be sure that you are properly enrolled and have paid your fees.
- Class website: [https://myetudes.org/](https://myetudes.org/)
  - **User ID**
    - First 2 letters of your firstname +
    - First 2 letter of your last name +
    - Last 5 numbers of your LAVC Student ID
  - **Example:** Jose A. Garcia with
    - SIN # 88-222-3333
    - His username is: joga23333
  - **Password**
    - 2 digits for Month of birth +
    - 2 digits for Day of birth
  - **Example:** 0206 (February 6th)

If you decide this class is not for you, please drop ASAP so other students may enroll. Thank you.

If you have trouble accessing the course on, or after, the start date visit the Student Help Desk at virtualvalleyhelp@lavc.edu or VVHD@lavc.edu. Phone: 818.778.5834 Location: LARC 232.

Remember, you will not be able to access the course prior to the first class day, so you will not know if you have a login problem until then. Do not share your login ID with anyone.

-Professor Deanna Heikkinen