

Humanities Seminars Program

Bleak House

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Fridays 9:00 a.m. – noon

May 2 – May 23, 2014

Text:

Dickens, Charles. *Bleak House*. Ed. Patricia Ingham. Broadview Press, 2010.
ISBN: 1551119315.

Reading Schedule:

Readings are to be completed before each class session.

- May 2** Dickens' Preface and Installments 1-5 (Chapters 1-16) (through page 244)
- Please also read as much of the prefatory material as you wish to or can (pages 13-43), with the exception of "An Interpretation" – please do not read this section.
- May 9** Installments 6-10 (Chapters 17-22) (page 244-424)
- Please also read Appendix D, "The Court of Chancery" and Appendix B, "The Reception of Bleak House"
- May 16** Installments 11-15 (Chapters 33-49) (pp. 424-598)
- Please also read Appendix F, "Contemporary Attitudes on Class Inequality," and Appendix G, "Conditions of the Working Class"
- May 23** Installments 16-20 (Chapters 50-67) (pp. 598-end)
- Please also read Appendix C, "The Role and Status of Women"

A few additional readings may be suggested on the first day of class.