

Look Around You

Spring HSSP 2015

Logistics

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Time: 2/21 to 4/11, 1 PM to 3 PM

Materials: Links to the texts (all in public domain or fair-use-sized snippets of other works) will be emailed out before class.

Liability: Since we will be going off campus after Week 3, it is important that you get a liability waiver signed by your parents saying that it's ok to go out. Otherwise, we can't take you off MIT campus.

<u>Date/Location</u>	<u>Topics (Class Discussion and Class Exploration)</u>	<u>Homework (Readings and Thoughts)</u>
Feb 21 Rm. 33-418	Logistics What's an Explore Report? The Touristy Parts of MIT	Draw from Memory vs. Draw From Real Life
Feb 28 Rm. 4-265	The Non-Touristy Parts of MIT	" Lake Isle of Innisfree " - William Butler Yeats
Mar 7 Rm. 4-265	In-Depth Single Building Exploration - The Stata Center	" Blackberry Picking " - Seamus Heaney
Mar 21 Rm. 4-265	Main Street - Kendall Square and Sloan	" The furl of fresh-leaved dogrose down " - Gerard Manley Hopkins
Mar 28 Rm. 4-231	Central Square and Cambridgeport Cosmic Moose House	" Naming of Parts " - Henry Reed
Apr 4 Rm. 4-265	Harvard Square - River Walk and Mass Ave	" Ozymandias " - Percy Bysshe Shelley
Apr 11 Rm. 13-3101	Mt. Auburn and Leif Erikson	Drawing Assignment revisited

Expectations

Students:

- This class is primarily a discussion based class. This makes it absolutely necessary to read the texts before class. There will NOT be time to read the stories during class, so please be prepared.
- Taking notes of in-class discussion / exploration is not required, but recommended. Do not let note taking cause your participation to suffer.
- Don't talk over one another. Listen and think about what other people said and try to respond to them.
- We're going to be walking around a lot, so only carry what you'd feel comfortable carrying for long distances.

Teachers:

- We are here to help you learn by guiding the discussion and exploration if it gets too tangential. We're not here to assert that "you should only look for X". You personally bring meaning to a work; meaning isn't put there by fiat by a teacher.
- We are not professional explorers. Think of us as more well-read/exposed participants in class discussion.

Miscellaneous

- Please don't text or play with your phone in class.
- You can bring snacks so long as you don't make a mess.
- Feel free to email us! We like reading lots of things and can help you find more cool works of literature. In our day jobs, we major in Math, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, so you could email us about those topics as well.