

Dickens, Transport & Communication Systems, the Novel

REQUIRED TEXTS

Charles Dickens, *Dombey and Son* (1846-48) Penguin, isbn 0140435468
Charles Dickens, *Our Mutual Friend* (1864-65) Penguin, isbn 0140434976

Please purchase and use precisely these editions and not any other. They are uniquely identified by the isbn numbers printed on the book itself. We will want refer to page numbers in class discussion.

Secondary readings / Handouts

Nina Auerbach, *Romantic Imprisonment*
Nancy Armstrong, *Desire and Domestic Fiction*
M.M. Bakhtin, *The Dialogic Imagination*
Michel Foucault, *History of Sexuality*
Catherine Gallagher, *The Body Economic*
Niklas Luhmann, *Social Systems*
Franco Moretti, *Signs Taken for Wonders; Atlas of the European Novel*
Wolfgang Schivelbusch, *The Railway Journey*
Eve Sedgwick, *Between Men*
Raymond Williams, *The Country and the City*

REQUIREMENTS

- weekly reading response via our [ecampus](#) class discussion board. 15%
150-word minimum due by Tuesday at noon. Grade based on participation.
'A' assigned for full participation, reduced by a letter grade for each omission.
- presentation in class March 15 of a fifteen-minute conference paper
(no more than 8 pages double-spaced, 12 point).
- a 17-page original research paper, not on *Dombey* or *Our Mutual Friend* due 5pm, Wednesday, March 22. 85%
- at least one individual writing conference to discuss final paper and presentation

SCHEDULE

January 10	Introduction	
January 17	<i>Dombey</i> (to number 6)	<u>Novel Form</u> heteroglossia & free indirect discourse: Bakhtin
January 24	<i>Dombey</i> (to number 12)	<u>History</u> Williams; Moretti; Schivelbusch
January 31	<i>Dombey</i> [job talk: class 3pm-4pm only]	
February 7	<i>Dombey</i>	<u>Gender</u> Auerbach; Foucault; Armstrong
February 14	<i>Our Mutual Friend</i> (1856-57) (to number 6)	<u>Systems Theory</u> Luhmann [Kittler]
February 21	<i>Our Mutual Friend</i> (to Book the Third)	<u>History</u> Moretti; tbd
February 28	<i>Our Mutual Friend</i> (to end)	<u>Gender</u> Sedgwick; Gallagher
March 7	<i>Our Mutual Friend</i>	
March 14	class cancelled in lieu of conference	
Friday, March 16	3pm, Royce 306: class conference	

Wednesday, March 21, 5pm: Final papers due in my department mailbox.