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Writing about Narrative (Taught in 1995, University of Pennsylvania)
Jonathan Grossman
BOOK 'EM! THE POLICING AND POWER OF JEWISH REPRESENTATIONS
TEXTS
George Eliot, Daniel Deronda
Philip Roth, Goodbye, Columbus
Jean Paul Sartre, Anti-Semite and Jew
William Shakespeare, The Merchant of Venice
Art Spiegelmann, Maus I and Maus II
Course Pack Table of Contents:
        I. Woody Allen, "Allen Notebooks," "The Scrolls," "The Whore of Mensa"
       II. Geoffrey Chaucer, "General Prologue," "The Prioress' Tale"
        III. Anne Frank, Exerpts from The Diary of A Young Girl
        IV. Allen Grossman, "Poland of Death I," "Poland of Death II"
       V. Franz Kafka, "The Judgement," "A Hunger Artist"
       VI. Emma Lazarus, "The New Colossus"
       VII. Bernard Malamud, "The Mourners," "The Magic Barrel," "The Jewbird"
       VIII. Joan Nestle, "I Am," "A Restricted Country," "The Bathroom Line,"
                "Two Women"
       IX. Elisa New, "Killing the Princess: The Offense of a Bad Defense"
       X. Flannery O'Connor, "The Displaced Person"
       XI. Thomas Pynchon, "In Which Esther Gets a Nose Job"
       XII. Adrienne Rich, "Yom Kippur 1984," "For Ethel Rosenberg," "Split at
                the Root"
       XIII. Anzia Yezierska, "The Lost Beautifulness," "This Is What $10,000 Did
               To Me"
       XIV. A Writing Guide
Film: Shoah
On Reserve:
        Peter Weiss, The Investigation
        Transcript of Shoah
WRITING REQUIREMENTS
        One final 8-9 page paper
        Three 3-4 page papers, due dates marked by an asterisk (*)
        Journal, to be handed in on dates marked with a "J"
        One creative response, due by 4/4
SCHEDULE
1/10
      Intro/extro-duction: crossing boundaries
       Emma Lazarus, "The New Colossus"
1/12
1/14
       Anzia Yezierska, "The Lost Beautifulness"
      Flannery O'Connor, "The Displaced Person"
1/17
       Flannery O'Connor, "The Displaced Person"
1/19
      Bernard Malamud, "The Mourners"
1/21
      Bernard Malamud, "The Mourners"
1/24*
1/26J Anzia Yezierska, "What $10,000 Did"
       Writing Conferences
1/28
1/31
       Goodbye, Columbus
       Goodbye, Columbus
2/2
       Goodbye, Columbus
2/4
2/7*
       Bernard Malamud, "The Magic Barrel"
       Adrienne Rich, "Yom Kippur 1984," "Split at the Root"
2/9
       Joan Nestle, "I Am," "Two Women"
2/11
       Joan Nestle, "A Restricted Country," "The Bathroom Line"
2/14
       Franz Kafka, "A Hunger Artist"
2/16
2/18J
      Thomas Pynchon, "In Which Esther Gets a Nose Job"
2/21
       Anti-Semite and Jew
2/23 Anti-Semite and Jew
2/25
      Bernard Malamud, "The Jewbird"
2/28
      The Merchant of Venice
       The Merchant of Venice
3/2
3/4
       The Merchant of Venice
Spring Break--Daniel Deronda
3/14
      Daniel Deronda
3/16J Daniel Deronda
3/18
       Daniel Deronda
3/21*
      Daniel Deronda
       Geoffrey Chaucer, "General Prologue," "The Prioress' Tale"
3/23
        Geoffrey Chaucer, "General Prologue," "The Prioress' Tale"
3/25
       Woody Allen, "Allen Notebooks," "The Scrolls," "The Whore of
3/28
Mensa"
       Franz Kafka, "The Judgement"
3/30
4/1
       Adrienne Rich, "For Ethel Rosenberg"
       Allen Grossman, "Poland of Death I," "Poland of Death II"
4/4C
       Anne Frank, Exerpts from The Diary of A Young Girl
4/6J
       Conferences
4/7
        Sunday afternoon, screening begins of Shoah
4/10
4/11
       Shoah
4/13
       Shoah
4/15
       Maus
4/18
       Maus
4/20
       Maus
4/22J Final paper due in class.
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