



Storm and Sea: Shakespeare's *Tempest* and Melville's *Moby Dick*
Montgomery College, Winter/Spring 2023
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Reading List

Class 1: Introduction and The Gathering Storm of *The Tempest*

Read: The British Library, "*The Tempest* and the Literature of Wonder,"

<https://www.bl.uk/shakespeare/articles/the-tempest-and-the-literature-of-wonder>

Begin reading *The Tempest* OR watch a film adaptation (the 2010 film by Julie Taymor with Helen Mirren is quite good)

Class 2: *The Tempest*

Finish reading and/or watching *The Tempest*

Class 3: *Moby Dick*, 19th Century America, and The Whaleship Essex

*Read: *Moby Dick*, recommended chapters 1-9 and 13-16 (chapters are quite short)

(If planning to read full book, chapters 1-21)

Suggested article, Nathaniel Philbrick, "The Whale and The Horror,"

<https://archive.vanityfair.com/article/2000/5/the-whale-and-the-horror>

Class 4: *Moby Dick* - Enter Ahab

Read: *Moby Dick*, recommended chapters 28-30, 36-37, and 40-42

(If reading full book, chapters 22-65.)

Class 5: *Moby Dick* - Negotiating Community and Transcendentalism

Read: *Moby Dick*, recommended chapters 72, 89, 93, 99, and 106

(If reading full book, read chapters 66-109.)

Class 6: *Moby Dick* - Encountering the Whale

Read: *Moby Dick*, recommended chapters 110 and 125-Epilogue.

(If reading full book, read chapters 110-Epilogue.)

Notes on texts and recommended editions: annotated versions of *The Tempest* and *Moby Dick* are helpful. The instructor will be using the following editions (but any edition you possess is fine):

The Arden Shakespeare/*The Tempest* (Revised Edition 2011)

Moby Dick, Norton Critical Edition/2nd Edition (2002)

***You are invited to read the full text of *Moby Dick*, but recognizing that the novel is quite lengthy and contains numerous diversions, this reading list directs you to "recommended" chapters that will figure heavily in our discussions.**

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