

English 2312:01
Writers of the American West
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Office Hours:
8:00-9:00, 2:00-4:00 MW
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And by appointment

Texts:

Abbey, Edward. *The Brave Cowboy*. New York: Morrow/Avon, 1982.

Bradford, Richard. *Red Sky at Morning*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1968.

Kelton, Elmer. *The Time It Never Rained*. Fort Worth: Texas Christian UP, 1984.

McMurtry, Larry. *Horseman, Pass By*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1992.

Description:

English 2312 is an intensive study of the literature of the American West. The course includes lectures, discussions, examinations, oral reports, a critical analysis and a final examination.

The chief concern of this course is the capital “W” western novel — the serious work of literature which is as well-written and as significant as the major novels of any other region, but which has gone relatively unnoticed or has been misunderstood by critics because it has been confused generically with the lower case “w” western : the popular, formula western hacked out for the mass market.

The objectives of this class are to accomplish the following:

- to provide the student with analytical techniques for evaluating works of literature
- to allow the student opportunities to test his/her ability to evaluate and understand literature
- to refine the student’s ability to analyze, interpret, and appreciate literature as a significant part of the student’s cultural development

Evaluation Methods:

4 unit examinations-----	40%
1 oral report -----	20%
1 critical analysis-----	30%
1 final examination-----	<u>10%</u>
	100%

Class Attendance Policy:

Class attendance will be governed by the policy stated in the current SRSU bulletin.

ADA Accommodation:

Qualified students with disabilities needing academic or other accommodations to ensure full participation in the programs, services and activities at Sul Ross State University should contact the ADA Coordinator for Program Accessibility. To make an appointment with the Coordinator, call Counseling and Prevention Services at (432) 837-8178.

LATE WORK: NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. MAKEUP EXAMS WILL BE ALL ESSAY.