

ENGL 336-001
Nineteenth-Century British Novels & Narratives
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ASSIGNMENT NO. 1
DIGITAL DICKENS

COMPLETE BY Friday 30 March at 5:00 pm

This course asks each student to interact with novels in different ways—beyond the expository essay. For the first assignment, the student will choose a character in *Bleak House* and tweet as that character for one week. The aim is to imaginatively interact with the text and inhabit the voice of one of Dickens's literary creations. Creative license is of course welcome. (Translation: Have fun with the assignment!) The key is for the student to IMITATE the voice and style of the chosen character: diction, verbal repetitions, curious obsessions. Here are the steps:



1. Choose THREE named characters. On Monday 19 March, you will be asked to list these in class, in order of preference. Two days later you will be assigned one character.
2. Set up an account on Twitter. Your username should begin: @bleakh18
3. Tweet in the voice of the character on no fewer than FIVE separate calendar days. You might comment on the novel, the weather, anything. Express the character's distinct point of view.
4. Your first tweet needs to appear no later than Monday 26 March (otherwise you will not have five total days).

If you are philosophically opposed to using Twitter (a for-profit company), you need to tell the instructor by Wednesday 21 March. He will give you an alternate assignment. (The night before the deadline is too late to register this opposition.)

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to visit during office hours or write an email to set an appointment.

CHARACTERS

Bayham Badger
Mrs. Bayham Badger
Matthew Bagnet
Mrs. Bagnet
Miss Barbary
Lawrence Boythorn
Inspector Bucket
Mrs. Bucket
Richard Carstone
Mrs. Rachael Chadband
The Rev. Mr. Chadband
Ada Clare
Coavinses (Mr. Neckett)
Lady Honoria Dedlock
Sir Leicester Dedlock
Volumnia Dedlock
Miss Flite
Mr. Gridley
William Guppy
Guster (Augusta)
Mademoiselle Hortense
John Jarndyce
Caroline (Caddy) Jellyby
Mrs. Jellyby
Jo (Toughey)
Tony Jobling (Mr. Weevle)
Mr. "Conversation" Kenge
Mr. Krook
Mooney (the beadle)
Charlotte (Charley) Neckett
Mrs. Pardiggle

O. A. Pardiggle
George Rouncewell
Mrs. Rouncewell
Harold Skimpole
Bartholomew Smallweed
Grandfather Smallweed
Grandmother Smallweed
Judith (Judy) Smallweed
Mr. Snagsby
Mrs. Snagsby
Esther Summerson
Mr. Tulkinghorn
Mr. Turveydrop
Prince Turveydrop
Mr. Vholes
Allan Woodcourt
Mrs. Woodcourt