

ENGL 2240
British Literature after 1789
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DIGITAL PROJECT

COMPLETE BY Monday 1 March at 4:30 pm

This course asks each student to interact with literary works in different ways—beyond the traditional, expository essay. For the second assignment, the student will choose a character in *Oliver Twist* 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 characters. 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 character: diction, verbal repetitions, curious obsessions. Here are the steps:



1. Choose FOUR named characters. By Friday 19 February, send an email to the instructor and list your choices, in order of preference. Two days later you will be assigned one character.
2. Check adamabraham.info on Sunday 21 February. You will find your assigned character and the required username.
3. Start a profile and follow your instructor @pickwickiana.
4. 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 point of view.
5. Your first tweet needs to appear no later than Thursday 25 February (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 Friday 19 February. He will give you an alternate assignment. (The night before the final deadline is too late to register this opposition.) If you want more guidance, write an email to set an appointment.

CHARACTERS

Barney

Charley Bates

Mrs. Bedwin

Betsy (aka Bet)

Blathers

Mr. Brittles

Mr. Brownlow

Bull's-eye (the dog)

Mr. Bumble

Charlotte

Noah Claypole

Mrs. Corney (later Mrs. Bumble)

Toby Crackit

John Dawkins (The Artful Dodger)

Dick

Duff

Fagin

Mr. Fang

Agnes Fleming (deceased)

Mr. Gamfield

Mr. Giles

Mr. Grimwig

Edward Leeford (aka Monks)

Mr. Limbkins

Mr. Losborne (the doctor)

Mrs. Mann

Harry Maylie

Mrs. Maylie

Rose Maylie

Nancy

Old Sally

Bill Sikes

Mr. Sowerberry

Mrs. Sowerberry

Oliver Twist