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Native American Literatures in English

Objectives

We will read some of the most significant Native American literature of our time, primarily fiction, with some poetry and non-fiction. In doing so, we will need to contextualize this body of work in two cultures, Western literary history and Native American oral tradition. We will consider some of the circumstances of the minority community that produces these texts, using the Lakota reservation of Pine Ridge to examine various Native American issues.

Evaluation

Regular class attendance and participation in discussion is expected. There will be some short written assignments in class, 2 five-page papers, and two exams.