Everyone has heard of Moby-Dick; but few take the time to read this thrilling tale of the sea, published in 1851. Ahab, the brooding sea captain, is pitted against the greatest of great white whales, with the sea a metaphor for . . . the unknown? In this seminar, we will read just one book, but slowly, at the rate of 100 pages every two weeks. We'll use Melville's novel to explore American culture and history in the middle years of the nineteenth century. Discover why President Obama lists this book as one of the most influential in his life. Find out why Moby-Dick matters.