

The objectives of this course are as follows：the active participation in the class will help students 1）to become competent readers of English who are able to grasp not only the outline but also the chief message（s） of the text；2）to improve communication skills of English；3）to acquire self－confidence necessary for them to read through substantial English texts，with the understanding that critical reading provides them with a powerful means for their intellectual explorations；3）to expand their social，cultural and moral perspectives．

The course encourages students to read though an authentic English fictional work．Through the activities and tasks which the course requires，students will learn to grasp the plot，the characters，their situations and the theme（s）of the text，and express their ideas about the text in English．Students are encouraged to read and think a lot．The class begins with the understanding of the plot，the characters，their situations，and moves on to exploring the themes of the work．

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Through learning to commit themselves to the critical reading of the text，they are expected to improve not only the reading skills but also the overall communication skills of English－－they will be able to acquire skills to grasp and respond to the text intellectually，organize their ideas and express them effectively in English． They are also expected to learn social，cultural and moral issues which the text addresses，and to apply their learning to their understanding of issues which their own society faces．

## ［授業計画と内容］

The class deals with Jonathan Swift＇s Gulliver＇s Travels，focusing on the final part of the novel：Part 4 （＂A Voyage to the Country of Houyhnynms＂）．One class discusses one chapters（about 10 pages）．The focus of each class is on the plot（who appears and what happens in each chapter），the characters，their situations，and the themes which the text explores．A reading comprehension quiz is given at the end of each class：students are expected to complete the quiz and submit it to the instructor．The submitted work is to be checked， marked and returned to them．Preparation for each class is required：students are expected to read assigned chapters prior to class，and be ready for in－class discussion．All class activities are to be conducted in English．

Work Schedule：liable to some minor adjustments and changes
Week 1：Introduction to the course and the text
Week 2：Reading and discussing Chapter 1，Part 1
Week 3：Reading and discussing Chapter 1，Part 4
Week 4：Reading and discussing Chapter 2，Part 4
Week 5：Reading and discussing Chapter 3，Part 4
Week 6：Reading and discussing Chapter 4，Part 4


