Syllabus

Fall 2009 (2101)
CRN: 14764
Location: Penn Center Building 4
Day: Thursday
Time: 7:00-9:30pm
Instructor: Carrie Marquette

Course Materials (available in Pitt Book Center):
Course Pack. *Supplement to Russian 0090*.

Introduction

Thursday, September 3, 2009

- Introduction to the Course, Syllabus and Course Description
- What is a Fairy Tale?
- Basic terminology for the study of folklore and fairy tales

Assignment due Next Week
Ivanits pp. 3-18, 51-63, 64-82, 169-89

Culture, Religion & Folklore

Thursday, September 10, 2009
(Fall add/drop period ends Friday, September 11, 2009)

- Paganism, Christianity and Double Belief
- Feasts and Holidays
- Domestic and Nature Spirits

Assignment due Next Week:
Ivanits pp. 19-50, 83-124, 190-205
Saints, Devils & Sorcery

Thursday, September 17, 2009

• Saints & Devils
• Sorcery & Healing
• Shrieking

Assignment due Next Week:

Afanas’ev pp. 262-68, “Ivan the Peasant’s Son and the Thumb-sized Man,”
pp. 40-44, “Salt,”
pp. 49-53, “The Three Kingdoms,”
pp. 62-66, “Ivanusko, the Little Fool,”
pp. 115-17, “The Princess Who Wanted to Solve Riddles,”
pp. 612-24, “Prince Ivan, the Firebird, and the Gray Wolf,”
Afanas’ev pp. 427-37, “The Sea King and Vasilisa the Wise,”
pp. 439-47, “Vasilisa the Beautiful,”
pp. 76-79, “Baba Yaga and the Brave Youth,”
pp. 194-95, “Baba Yaga,”
pp. 485-93, “Koschchey the Deathless,”
pp. 553-62, “Maria Morevna,”
pp. 463-75, “Two Ivans, Soldier’s Sons,”
pp. 40-44, “Salt” (reread)
pp. 119-23, “The Frog Princess,”
pp. 200-02, “The Snotty Goat,”
pp. 146-50, “Burenushka, the Little Red Cow,”

Course Pack, Bogatyrev and Jakobson, “Folklore as a Special Form of Creativity,” pp. 32-46

Fairy Tales: Creation & Style & Typical Tales: Heroes, Villains & Storytelling

Thursday, September 24, 2009

• Stylistic characteristics of folktales
• The authorship of folklore
• Introduction to Russian Tales
• Heros: Ivan Durak (Ivan “the Fool”), Vasilisa
• Villains: Baba Yaga, Koschchey the Deathless
• Typologies of Tales
Assignment due Next Week:

**Course Pack**, Bettelheim, pp. 102-111
*reread*
Afanas’ev pp. 40-44, “Salt,”
pp. 49-53, “The Three Kingdoms,”
pp. 62-66, “Ivanusko, the Little Fool,”
pp. 612-24, “Prince Ivan, the Firebird, and the Gray Wolf,”
**Course Pack**, Bettelheim, pp. 78-83, 90-96
Afanas’ev pp. 20-24, “Misery,”
pp. 294-99, “The Armless Maiden”
pp. 349-51, “The Magic Swan Geese,”
*reread pp. 463-75, “Two Ivans, Soldier’s Sons,”
pp. 625-27, “Shemiaka the Judge,”

**Psychoanalytic Approaches to Fairy Tales**

Thursday, October 1, 2009

• Introduction to Psychoanalytic Approaches: Freudian, Jungian & Self Theory
• Bettelheim looks at “Youngest Child” tales and “Two Sibling” tales

Assignment due Next Week:

**Course Pack**, Bettelheim, pp. 282-291, 295-310
*reread*
Afanas’ev pp. 119-23, “The Frog Princess,”
pp. 200-02, “The Snotty Goat,”
**Course Pack**, Bettelheim, pp. 66-73
Afanas’ev pp. 229-34, “The Maiden Tsar,”
pp. 278-79, “Daughter and Stepdaughter,”
**Course Pack**, Bettelheim, pp. 199-215

**Psychoanalysis and Bettelheim, Continued**

Thursday, October 8, 2009

• Bettelheim looks at Animal Spouses, Wicked Stepmothers & “Snow White” tales

Assignment due Next Week:

Nothing! We’re watching a movie!
Thursday, October 15, 2009

_Pans Labyrinth_ viewing in-class

**Assignment due next week:**

Study for mid-term examination

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**Mid-Term Exam**

Thursday, October 22, 2009

- First Examination - see Course Description for details

**Assignment due Next Week:**

  - pp. 439-47, “Vasilisa the Beautiful,”
  - pp. 146-50, “Burenushka, the Little Red Cow,”
  - _reread_
  - Afanas’ev pp. 553-62, “Maria Morevna,”
  - pp. 229-34, “The Maiden Tsar,”

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**Psychoanalysis: Jung & Cashdan**

Thursday, October 29, 2009

- Cashdan and “Cinderella” tales
- A Jungian perspective on evil in tales

**Assignment due Next Week:**

- **Course Pack**, Bottigheimer, “Silenced Women in Grimms’ Tales,” pp. 115-31
  - pp. 56-57, “The Bad Wife,”
pp. 528-32, “The Goldfish,”
read pp. 427-37, “The Sea King and Vasilisa the Wise,”
pp. 115-17, “The Princess Who Wanted to Solve Riddles,”

Feminist Critique of Fairy Tales

Thursday, November 5, 2009

• Feminism and Fairy Tales
• Wise Maiden Tales
• Bad Wife Tales

Assignment due Next Week:

Course Pack, Propp, pp. 19-24, 149-55
Afanas’ev pp. 482-84, “The Crystal Mountain,”
read pp. 349-51, “The Magic Swan Geese,”

Structuralist Approach to Fairy Tales

Thursday, November 12, 2009

• Structuralism

Assignment due Next Week:

Hand-out in class: Pushkin, “Rusalka,”
Hand-out in class: Ostrovskii, “The Snow Maiden,”
“Marxism for Russian Fairy Tales,”
http://clover.slaw.pitt.edu/~tales/primers/marxism_primer.html
Course Pack, Zipes, “Breaking the Disney Spell,” pp. 72-95
Course Pack, Gaidar, “Tale of the Military Secret”

Marxism and Introduction to Literary Fairy Tales

Thursday, November 19, 2009

• Literary forms with familiar elements
• Literary Fairy Tales
• Marxism Overview and Zipes

***NO CLASS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2009.***
Assignment due in Two Weeks:

Course Pack, Pushkin, “The Tale of Tsar Saltan…”
Gogol’, “Viy,” pp. 338-74
pp. 593-98, “The Vampire,”
Ivanits pp. 194-95, “The Colonel and the Witch,”

Classical Russian Literature and folklore

Thursday, December 3, 2009

• Aleksandr Pushkin
• Fairy Tales in Verse
• Nikolai Gogol’

Assignment due Next Week:

Afanas’ev pp. 580-88, “The Feather of Finist, the Bright Falcon,”
Course Pack, Tolstaya, “Date with a Bird,” pp. 116-30
Sadur, “Rings,”
Sadur, “The Cute Little Redhead,”
Sadur, “The Witch’s Tears,”
Sadur, “Silky Hair,”

Contemporary Russian Literature and Folklore

Thursday, December 10, 2009

• Tatiana Tolstaya
• Mythical Birds
• Nina Sadur

Assignment due Next Week:
Study for Exam #2
Response paper due next week!!!

Final Exam

Thursday, December 17, 2009

• Final Examination - see Course Description for details
• Response Papers