Western Cultural Tradition  HP 031,032  Fall '02
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Required texts:
Machiavelli  The Prince  (Chicago)
Montaigne  Selections from the Essays  (Croft's Classics)
Shakespeare  Four Great Tragedies  (Signet)
Cervantes  The Portable Cervantes  (Viking Penguin)
Descartes  Discourse on Method and Meditations  (Hackett)
Marivaux  The Game of Love and Chance  (in Up from the Country  Course Packet)
Voltaire  The Portable Voltaire  (Penguin)
Rousseau  The Basic Political Writings  (Hackett)

Course Requirements:
1. Regular attendance, careful reading of the assignments before class, and regular participation in classroom activities (including discussion, and written and oral exercises as assigned). More than two unexcused absences will significantly affect your grade.
2. Three papers (5-7 pages), two in-class writing exercises (25 minutes), and a final exam. Papers are to be handed in at the beginning of class on the due date (October 8, November 12, December 5). A choice of topics will be provided well before the due date. Late papers will be penalized.
3. The double-credit grade will be computed approximately as follows: class participation 20%, each paper 20%, final exam 20%.

Schedule:
Introduction  (Shakespeare Sonnet #35)  September  3
Shakespeare  Hamlet  September  5, 10, 12 (in-class writing Sept 5 and 10)
Machiavelli  September 17, 19, 24
Montaigne  September 26  October 1, 3 (Introduction, "To the Reader", "Inconsistency", "Apology for Sebond", "Experience", "On Cannibals" (handout)
Paper #1 due Tuesday, October  8
Shakespeare  King Lear  October  8, 10, 15
Descartes  October 17, 22, 24
Marivaux  October 29
Voltaire  October 31, November  5 (Candide, Philosophical Dictionary,
English Letters

, "The Lisbon Earthquake" poem)

Paper #2 due Tuesday, November 12
Rousseau November 7, 12, 14 Discourse on the Origin of Inequality
Cervantes Don Quixote Part I November 19, 21

Paper #3 due Thursday, December 5
Cervantes Don Quixote Part II November 28 December 3, 5, 10 (review)