Western Cultural Tradition V, Vi  HONR120 104, 204  Fall 2014
Tues, Thurs 3-5   Stokes 286S
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Required texts:
Machiavelli  The Prince  (Chicago)
Montaigne  Selections from the Essays  (Croft's Classics)
Shakespeare  Four Great Tragedies  (Signet)
Descartes  Discourse on Method and Meditations on First Philosophy  (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)
Diderot  Jacques the Fatalist  (Penguin Classics)

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. A choice of topics will be provided well before the due date.
3. The double-credit grade will be computed approximately as follows: class participation 20%, each paper 20%, final exam 20%.

Academic Integrity:
All students are expected to abide by the University’s standards of integrity. Please read the following: www.bc.edu/integrity.

Schedule:
Introduction (handout--Shakespeare Sonnets #35, #138)  September 2
Shakespeare  Hamlet  September  4 (Acts 1-2, in class writing), 9 (Acts 3-4), 11 (Act 5 in class writing), 16
Machiavelli  September 18 (Chaps 1-11), 23 (Chaps 12-18), 25 (Chaps 19-26)
Montaigne  September 30 (Introduction, "To the Reader", "Inconsistency"), October 2 ("Apology for Sebond"), 7 ("Experience", "Of Cannibals" --"Of Cannibals" is a handout)
Papers #1  due Tuesday, October 14
Shakespeare  King Lear  October 9 (Act 1), 14 (Acts 2-3), 16 (Act 4-5), 21
Descartes  October 23 (Discourse), 28 (Meditations 1-2), 30 (Meditation 3)
Marivaux  The Game of Love and Chance  November 4

Papers #2  due Tuesday, November 11
Voltaire  November 6, 11, 13 (Candide, Philosophical Dictionary, English Letters, "The Lisbon Earthquake" poem)
Rousseau  November 18, 20, 25  Discourse on the Origin of Inequality

No class Thanksgiving Thursday November 27
Diderot  December  2, 4, 9

Papers #3  due date TBA, Final exam date TBA
Study Days begin Thursday Dec 11