

The following is some information from Jim & Pam Mingle, your course leaders:

Hello Academy Friends: We hope you all have had a good year since we were last together-either in the Love and Romance Class or last year's Immigrant Literature course. This year, Pam and I will be leading a course called "British Novels and Their Film Adaptations." We have five novels and their accompanying films to discuss and watch. Each was chosen from a BBC list of the best hundred novels in British literature. Here is our schedule:

March 22 - Thomas Hardy, *The Mayor of Casterbridge*

March 29 - Jean Rhys, *Wide Sargasso Sea*

April 5 - Muriel Spark, *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*

April 12 - Spring Break, No class

April 19 - Jane Austen, *Emma*

April 26 - Ian McEwan, *Atonement*

Before you panic (5 novels, 6 weeks!!), we have a list of selected chapters to read from Hardy, Austen, and McEwan; and the Rhys and Spark books are quite short. But, of course, if you start reading now, you'll have no trouble finishing them all

I think you'll find them all interesting - and sharing some common themes.