

English 102—Inquiry into Revolution  
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What is revolutionary change and how does it reorganize the way people think? In this course, we will explore the role of the individual in revolution by reading texts on subjectivity and paradigm shifts, by analyzing literary genres that contribute to social change, and by studying specific revolutions. For example, we will study the abolition and women's suffrage movements, which changed the way people understood humanity, equality, and identity. We will locate similar dynamic shifts in the histories of academic fields. Through this process, we will learn how individuals reshape paradigms of knowledge and how disciplinary change guides social change. Class assignments will include reading responses, presentations, essays based on field research and historical research, and a final project on a revolution in a society, a culture, or an academic field.