

Inquiry into Popular Culture

Course Description:

In this course, students will read and think about a variety of popular culture mediums, as well as argumentative essays concerning the topic of popular culture itself. By looking at a wide range of issues, rhetorical strategies, and audiences, this class will seek to widen students' conception of popular culture and its role in our culture, both historical and contemporary, and potentially in other cultures. While some of the texts will be more academic, others will be more informal and, of course, "popular" in nature, drawing from a variety of written texts as well as visual, musical, technological, and other non-written forms, including cartoons, videos, advertisements, songs, film, and television.