

Literature Class

Lecture 3

Puck of Pook's Hill

Class Handout

1. Information

- a. Paper due the week before Thanksgiving

2. Rudyard Kipling

- a. Born in Bombay in _____
- a. Spent five years in a foster home in Southsea in _____
- b. He attended United Services College, a school for Officer's children.
- c. In _____, he became a journalist in India
- d. Married an American, Caroline Balestier, in _____
 - i. Moved to _____ and lived there till 1896
- e. Moved to _____, _____, in 1902
 - i. Traveled extensively in _____
 - ii. Reported on the _____ War
- f. He became more somber when his only son died in _____
- g. He was the first English Writer to receive the _____, in _____
- h. He died in _____

2. Worldview: Mystic

- a. _____: someone who believes in the _____ beyond human comprehension
- b. This means that a mystic believes in things that cannot be seen but we can see evidence of them through things that happen

- i. Every Christian is a mystic
 - 1. Job 11:7 can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty?
- ii. but if you take mysticism away from Christianity, you run into problems
 - 1. Pantheistic Mystic
 - a. Believes that there is a force or a great spirit that exists within the natural world
- 3. Worldview: Imperialist
 - a. The policy of _____ countries and adding them into an _____
 - b. Rudyard Kipling was an imperialist but he was not a typical imperialist: he did not simply want to destroy all weaker countries and take their land for the British people

His purpose for Puck of Pook's Hill

- 4. The Point of Puck of Pook's Hill: It is a story of the growth and definition of a _____
 - a. It counters the racist Teutonists who believed in extreme _____ identity and superiority
 - b. It tells the story of how civilizations grow: through the coming together of people from all backgrounds
 - c. It creates a British Identity
 - d. It attempts to purify Imperialism of racist and commercialist leanings and bring it back to the beginnings of the British Nation.
- 5. The Point of Puck of Pook's Hill: It is a story of _____
 - a. It attempts to describe patriotism as a secret, but powerful feeling towards your country

- b. In the story, this mystery of Patriotism is signified by the Runes in Weland's sword; around this, are all the plots of all the stories focused
- 6. The Point of Puck of Pook's Hill: It helps create an English _____
 - a. Kipling uses Puck as an emblem of true-Englishness
 - b. Puck is the focal point of the story around which all the individual stories are woven; All the different characters come back to Puck and they all know him. This symbolizes **the** England, and the connection they feel toward this country
 - c. Kipling also connects the true-England very closely to its landscape: Puck says he will leave when all the Oak, Ash, and Thorn trees have left the land