

THE FIRST YEAR PROGRAM: EXPLORING LONDON Fall 2010

GETTING READY FOR RICHMOND! “THE COMMON READING” ORIENTATION ACTIVITY

One of the activities planned during Orientation week is designed to help you “move into the classroom.” On Friday 3 September, some of the faculty will speak briefly about different aspects of “exploring London” which is tied into our orientation theme – and institutional framework. Then you will join your specific First Year Seminar group to discuss the novel we would like you to read this summer.

We want to give all new students the opportunity to participate in a common reading activity where the exchange of ideas and opinions will reflect your future classroom experiences. By listening, participating and learning from others, you will continue to develop important life-long skills which including group work, understanding cultural differences and appropriate self-expression.

We would like you to read Neil Gaiman’s novel **NEVERWHERE**. This novel sprung from a **BBC TV** series in the 1990s and has gone through different publications (for both British and American audiences). We ask that obtain the latest edition “the Author’s Preferred Text” which is published in paperback by Headline Review books, 2005 . Order if from Amazon books – or ask your local bookshop to get it for you.

ENJOY READING THE NOVEL THIS SUMMER! Go online and find a larger **MAP OF THE LONDON UNDERGROUND** so you can follow Neil Gaiman’s bizarre and wonderful characters and make sense of the names he uses! **OPEN NEW DOORS...**

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