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Dear Students of ARTSSCI 3A06 / Literature,

The university community takes the health and wellness of our members seriously and we are interested in slowing the potential for spread of COVID-19. We are committed to ensuring the successful completion of the current academic term by all of our students. While the University has taken many measures to prepare and keep our community informed as the pandemic has unfolded, the university has made a decision to suspend classes at McMaster. **McMaster in-person classes and tests for undergraduate and graduate students will end as of Friday 13 March 2020 and no in-person exams will be held at the end of this term.** The following describes what you can expect for ARTSSCI 3A06 / Literature between now and the end of the term:

- 1) Although all classes and tutorials are cancelled, you are strongly encouraged to read the remaining books on the list of required readings—Gabriel García Márquez, *One Hundred Years of Solitude* and Bertolt Brecht, *Life of Galileo*—and you are welcome to treat them in your essays and final exam. However, in view of the fact that we will not be able to discuss them in class, these two works are no longer required reading. I will soon send out some brief thoughts on both works, and hope that you will still find it possible to engage with these texts.
- 2) Your term II essay is still due Tues. 7 April 12:00noon. Please submit by email to me, in a Word document or pdf attachment.
- 3) There will be no final exam; that percentage of the final grade will be reweighted to your term work.
- 4) Please do not hesitate to be in touch with me for any reason. While in-person office hours and essay consultation are currently not possible, I am happy to talk with you on the phone (by appointment) and to answer emails (please keep the emails reasonably brief and to the point, and note that my email responses will generally be likewise). Jess, Emma, and Melanie are also happy to be contacted and will respond as they are able.

If you have a need for accommodations, please continue to communicate with Student Accessibility Services and keep me informed. In the event of significant changes to the COVID-19 situation, further changes may need to be made to this course. Please visit <https://covid19.mcmaster.ca/> for up-to-date university information.

Sincerely,

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