

EN 8573

Seminar: Studies in Literature Since 1900
Summer 1, 2014 8:00 Dr. Little

U. S. Literature of the 1960s



The reading list will include fiction, non-fiction, and poetry by the likes of Baldwin, Cleaver, Heller, Jones/Baraka, King, Millet, Pynchon, Sexton, Snyder, Vonnegut, and Wolfe, addressing such topics as war, race, drugs, mass culture, environmentalism, mystical experience, They, and various dimensions of what Henry James once called “the great relation between men and women” (though some evidence suggests that this relation is not always so great).

“Shooting skeet eight hours a month was excellent training for them.
It trained them to shoot skeet.”

— Joseph Heller, *Catch-22*

“Look out, kid
Its somethin’ you did
God knows when
But you’re doin’ it again”

— Bob Dylan, “Subterranean Homesick Blues”

“It’s hit the fan, baby.”

— Heading of a leaflet about the Chicago Seven,
Berkeley, California, ca. October 1967