

Enemies to lovers and more: Love Tropes and Dynamics in Fiction

Time: 1 hour, 10-11am

Overview: Love dynamics and tropes are everywhere in fiction, but why do we find them so appealing? Why do we love seeing sworn enemies slowly falling in love, or a fake relationship turning into a real one? In this class, we'll explore some of the most common relationship dynamics in fiction, looking into why they're so popular and well-loved.

Goals: By the end of this lesson, students will be able to recognize many common love tropes and dynamics, why they are appealing to read, and how they are connected to our everyday lives and wishes. Students will discuss their opinions on the tropes discussed in class and present their favorite fictional couple, as well as an explanation of why they enjoyed that trope.

Materials: projector

Class Outline:

- 10:00 - 10:10
 - My introduction, students introduce themselves, class introduction + outline
- 10:10 - 10:50 (possibly shorter, depending on how long lectures and discussions take)
 - Lecture on a trope for ~5 minutes
 - Students discuss for ~2 minutes
 - Class discussion for ~3 minutes
 - Repeat for 5 tropes
 - Enemies to lovers
 - Fake dating
 - Second chance
 - Forbidden romance
 - Forced proximity
- 10:50 - 11: closing discussion
 - Students get ~2 minutes to think and reflect
 - Students talk about their favorite fictional couple, the trope they follow, and why they enjoyed it