

## Comic Literature Course Layout

- **Introduction**
  - Humor is a pleasure.
  - Humor is a necessity.
  - Humor is a human activity.
  - The classical view of comedy
- **Wit**
  - Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*
  - Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*
- **Whimsy**
  - Wodehouse's *Right Ho, Jeeves*
  - James Thurber selections
  - Jerome's *Three Men in a Boat*
- **Satire**
  - Categories of satire (Horatian and Juvenalian)
  - Selections from a variety of sources (Cervantes, Erasmus, Swift, C.S. Lewis, etc.)
- **Three projects**
  - *Much Ado About Nothing* group scene adaptation and presentation
  - Review/analysis of one humorous work from a list
  - Original humor composition with small group review/critique and potential class presentation