

ENGL 880
PRO SEMINAR-1
SUMMER INTERSESSION 2020 – TERM 1204

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This professional development seminar will be devoted to exploring recent critical approaches to Indigenous literatures through a reading of reviews and articles over the past twenty years on Tomson Highway's landmark novel, *Kiss of the Fur Queen* (1998). We will consider a variety of critical approaches, including postcolonial, historical materialist, queer, Indigenous nationalist, and nation-specific. The course will address key questions and issues in Indigenous literary studies, including land, language, positionality, Indigenous urban experience, residential schools, expressions of gender and sexuality, class, and resurgence. This is a pass-fail course with no grades, but it involves reading, writing, and responsible class participation in order to pass.

REQUIRED TEXT(S)/READINGS

- Tomson Highway, *Kiss of the Fur Queen*.
- Weekly articles or reviews (to be posted on Canvas)

ASSIGNMENTS/EVALUATIONS

This class is graded satisfactory/unsatisfactory. To earn a "satisfactory" grade, you are required to complete

- one article presentation (short paper plus in-class discussion)
- one response to a classmate's presentation (short paper plus in-class discussion)
- active class participation