Short, but Sweet Learning through Short Forms

(SFBB - IO3)

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### Overview

"IO3" = development pedagogical tools

i.e.: create a series of tools (toolkit), including didactic methodologies, for teaching short forms to students in order to develop and enhance language skills, literary competences, multicultural consciousness and intercultural skills

Partners: University of Leuven (coord.), University of Athens, University of Angers, Baliduk

- TASK 1 = toolkit for the analysis and presentation of short forms [coord. Angers]
- TASK 2= short narrative as a tool for learning foreign languages and literatures [coord. Leuven]
- TASK 3 = *Baludik itineraries* [coord. Baludik]

- => workshops, discussions, reflections within the consortium
- => output ≠ «theory», but activities connecting ideas *on* short forms and use *of* short forms in teaching...
- ... hence, obviously, connections with IO1 (Santiago) and IO4 (Athens)
- 1) Reflections on Short forms (Padlet virtual bulletin board)
- 2) Definitions of Short Forms (student presentations and research > youtube video)
- 3) Booktube videos
- 4) Instagram novel (+ translation)
- 5) Creative assignments on short forms
- 6) Phototexts
- 7) Brochure (on Athens)

### (1) Reflections on short forms (published on padlet)

- = general reflections and case analyses on short forms across various media and cultural fields ("short forms on short forms")
- = developed during two workshops coordinated by Giessen university (April 2021, June 2021)

Contributions by members from all 6 teams (Angers, Athens, Giessen, Leuven, Santiago, Szeged)

https://padlet.com/B Roers/short-forms-in-the-study-of-culture-9ef0ekalkcheu0wg Giessen, spring 2021



Padlet «Short Forms in (the Study of) Culture

### (2) Definitions of Short Forms – student presentations

Giessen, spring 2022

- = research and reflection by PhD students from partner universities during training week in Giessen, March-April 2022
- = + analysis of corporate videos of the partner universities, carried out by the students
- => Video presentation: <a href="https://youtu.be/1zxBc5yZLUE">https://youtu.be/1zxBc5yZLUE</a>

(available on <a href="https://sfbb-erasmusplus.eu/">https://sfbb-erasmusplus.eu/</a>)

### (3) Booktube videos on classic short stories

Developed by MA students at University of Angers, under the supervision of Cécile Meynard

Students wrote a scenario and made a 3-4 min Booktube video for a lay audience on classics in short fiction

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### (4) Instagram novel

#EntreNosMurs, Instagram novel by Michael Federspiel

- = fictional diary, written in French during the first COVID lockdown (March-April 2020) and posted on Instagram
- = published as a book by the university of Angers
- => translations of *Day 27* in various languages by 15 students (Athens TLT activity, May 2023)

Translations Multilingual readings

=> pedagogical sheets created by students and teachers in Angers and Athens

**Angers Athens** 

### #EntreNosMurs

Professeur agrégé à l'université d'Angers, Michaël Federspiel partage, chaque jour, un nouveau chapitre sur le Net.

Le 17 mars, Johan entre en confinement comme des milliers de Français. Employé réservé, il retourne chez lui avec le souvenir brûlant de Juliette, une jeune femme qui n'aura partagé son bureau que quelques semaines durant...

Chaque jour, par l'intermédiaire d'un livreur avec lequel il va sympathiser, Johan va recevoir des mochis – ces délicats desserts japonais. Et chaque jour, Michaël Federspiel poste sur ses comptes Instagram et Facebook (à retrouver facilement en saisissant son nom), un nouveau chapitre de son livre, commencé au début du confinement.

https://www.ouest-france.fr/pays-de-la-loire/angers-49000/angers-il-publie-un-episode-par-jour-de-son-roman-6811706

#### MICHAEL FEDERSPIEL



Université d'Angers

#ENTRENOSMURS

FR (French) by: Michael Federspiel

#ENTRENOSMURS, un roman Instagram, Université d'Angers, 2022

#### JOUR 27

Couché tard, levé tôt.

Je ne dors plus beaucoup. Ma tête est en alerte, mon corps pas fatigué.

Réveillé par un oiseau que je n'avais jamais entendu auparavant. Trr Trr tuit tuit tuit.

Youtube me dit que c'est un Pouillot Véloce.

Youtube à une heure du matin, Youtube à sept heures. Quelque chose en moi crie à l'addiction.

Il paraît qu'un peu partout, les oiseaux se baladent sur nos autoroutes désertées. Les baleines croisent près des côtes à nouveau. Enfin libres maintenant que ce maudit sapiens a reculé ses lignes. En Inde et en Chine, le smog se dissipe pour la première fois en cinquante ans. Quand les ONG geignaient, on leur disait oui, mais vous comprenez, l'économie. Et puis coordonner un effort? Les autres pays ne suivraient pas. Il aura suffi d'une petite épidémie. Est-ce qu'on en tirera des leçons? Les dirigeants du monde entier parlent de leur hâte d'un retour à la normale. Mais la normale était une catastrophe, a dit Greta Thunberg.

Je sors à moitié à poil dans la rue vidée de sens et me plante devant chez moi. Le ciel est mouvant, liquide et gris comme un lac, abreuvé par la pluie de hier. Je bâille. Sale impression de perte. Il me traverse soudain qu'on peut un jour se réveiller comme ça à soixante ans sans avoir rien fait de sa vie.

J'aspire l'air gazeux du bout des lèvres, lentement, en narguant consciencieusement toutes les patrouilles de flics pas encore levées. Ça a presque un goût de liberté. On a encore le droit d'y croire à cette heure-ci. Le président n'a pas encore parlé pour nous annoncer que le déconfinement serait repoussé aux calendes grecques.

Merde. Ma boîte aux lettres gît au sol. L'orage de la veille ou un petit con passé là bourré au milieu de la nuit, dans son ennui sans but. J'en ai même vu qui s'organisaient des petites sorties; deux 307, une ouvreuse pour éviter les flics, une suiveuse remplie de types qui gesticulaient partis se cuiter je ne sais où. Un vrai job de narcotrafiguants. Le cartel de la liberté.

Je redresse ma boîte, comme anesthésié. Un claquement mat me surprend au relevage.

Cinq secondes plus tard j'y insère une clé blême – moment doucereux d'action nécessaire, routinière, au semblant de sens.

Un paquet dans son papier kraft. Pas d'adresse, juste mon prénom.

#### EN (English) translated by: Michael Federspiel

#### **DAY 27**

Late in bed, up early.

I don't sleep much anymore. My head's buzzing, alert, my body untired.

Woken up by a bird I had never heard before. Trr Trr tuit tuit tuit.

Youtube tells me it's a common chiffchaff.

Youtube at 1 AM, Youtube at 7. Something in me is screaming about addiction.

Supposedly, everywhere or nearly birds have started frolicking on our deserted highways. Whales cruise again close to the shores. Free again at last, now this blasted sapiens has taken a step back. In India and China, the smog has dissipated for the first time in fifty years. When NGOs were whining, they were told yes, but you must understand, economy comes first. As for coordinating an effort... Other countries would not follow.

All it took was a little epidemic. Shall we draw lessons from all that? In the whole world leaders are talking about how keen they are to go back to normal. But normal was a catastrophe, said Greta Thunberg.

I'm dragging myself out half naked in the senseless street, and stand still before my house.

The sky's mobile, grey and liquid as a lake, fueled by yesterday's rain. I yawn. Bad impression of intense loss. It occurs to me suddenly that you might one day wake up like that at sixty, not having done anything with your life.

I breathe in fizzy air from the tip of my lips, slowly, inwardly scoffing at all the police patrols who haven't got up yet. It almost tastes like freedom. We might still trust at this time. The president has not spoken yet to announce they are postponing the end of lockdown indefinitely.

Shit. My mailbox has been knocked down. Last night's storm, or a local prick who walked by stark drunk in the middle of the night, in his aimless boredom.

I have seen some, setting up little outings; two Peugeot 307, one an opener to check out for cops, one a follower, packed with gesturing people going out for a booze god knows where. A real drug trafficker's job. Liberty cartel.

I pull up my box, like I'm numb. A light thud surprises me at the end of the maneuver. Five seconds later I slip in the lock its pale key – bittersweet moment of necessary, routine action, with a semblance of sense.

A package in its paper bag. No address on it, just my first name.

Angers, 2022 Athens, 2023

### (5) Reflection on and production of short forms in teacher training

= MA course on short forms in language teaching within the joint MA programme M2 Didactique des langues, Enseignants de Langues en Europe (ELE) franco-hellénique (Teaching Languages in Europe Franco – Hellenic Programme).

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(= programme created in 2009 to train language teachers to address the specificities of the cultural and linguistic plurality of new audiences in various educational and social contexts)

Course combines theory, production and implementation

- 1st semester (Angers) = theory and creation of materials, based on results from IO1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> semester (Athens) = implementation of short forms created in Angers within practical teacher training
- 1h30 class/week

### (6) Phototexts

3<sup>rd</sup> Primary School, Zografou (11 years), coordinated by Julie Gyftoula = 11-year old pupils created phototexts evoking childhood memories, and connecting imagination and reality

https://padlet.com/juliegy/3rd-primary-school-pupils-working-on-short-forms-1a9otarhzb6r

1<sup>st</sup> EPAL (Vocational Senior high School), Agia Paraskevi, coordinated by = 24 students, aged 15-16 learned about phototexts (theory, examples), and created individual and collective phototexts; a specific assignment was linked to their visit to the Library of the School of Philosophy (February 2023); a phototext inspired by their visit should incorporate a sentence inspired by Philippe Delerm's *Les croissants du trottoir* <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EzP7ELBuMqnKyE3RUy1pWL5-0PgjkMr3/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EzP7ELBuMqnKyE3RUy1pWL5-0PgjkMr3/view</a>

Athens (see also IO4)



Marie-Christine Anastasiadis & Marina Vihou during a discussion with the students on April 7, 2023

### (7) Brochure on Athens

**Athens** 

https://www.canva.com/design/DAFZLNfs6nY/DZEvta6Gym7rwGK1OHwJEQ/view?utm\_content=DAFZLNfs6nY&utm\_campaign=designshare&utm\_medium=link&utm\_source=publishsharelink#4

Five-step model for using short fiction in FLE (Leuven)
Applications in higher education (Angers)
Applications in the language class (Athens) > IO4

Leuven Angers Athens

# Five-step model for teaching literature, language and culture through short stories

- = developed by Leuven team, 2021-2022
  - A. Background: local (Flemish) context
  - B. Why short stories?
  - C. Didactic approach: integrated, intercultural, dialogic teaching
  - D. Five steps

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# A. The local context: FL teaching and literacy

### FL teaching in Flanders since 2000:

- communicative approach
- focus on language skills
- non-fictional texts, digital tools

### Literature in (FL) teaching?

- very small part
- 'examples' of cultural context
- 'source' for language exercises
- → no engaged and in-depth reading of literary texts

### PISA reading assessment 2018

### **Results for Flanders:**

- significant drop in critical reading skills
- worst score for reading motivation of all participating countries

General insights: positive impact on critical reading skills of:

- reading more in your spare time
- reading fiction, reading complex texts
- teaching that stimulates reading motivation, focus on reading engagement, assign longer texts,...

! awareness of need for solid literacy education, and of the crucial role literature can and should play

# B. Why short stories in the language class?

### Why short stories?

- narrative texts  $\rightarrow$  reading motivation, emotional engagement
- *short* texts → manageable in classroom
- complete texts  $\rightarrow$  motivation + interpretation / 'authentic' interpretive dialogue
- open texts → critical reading + allow for discussion
- authentic texts → authentic language input / aspect of culture

# C. Didactic approaches

- 1. Integrated language & literature teaching  $\rightarrow$  developing critical literacy and language fluency (productive and receptive language skills)
- 2. Role of literary texts in intercultural communicative competence / intercultural mediation (esp., but not exclusively, in foreign language teaching)
- 3. Dialogic approaches to literature:
  - self-questioning approaches
  - dialogue between reader and text, between readers about the tekst, between text and context

# Aims



DEVELOP FLUENCY IN LANGUAGE SKILLS



DEVELOP INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE

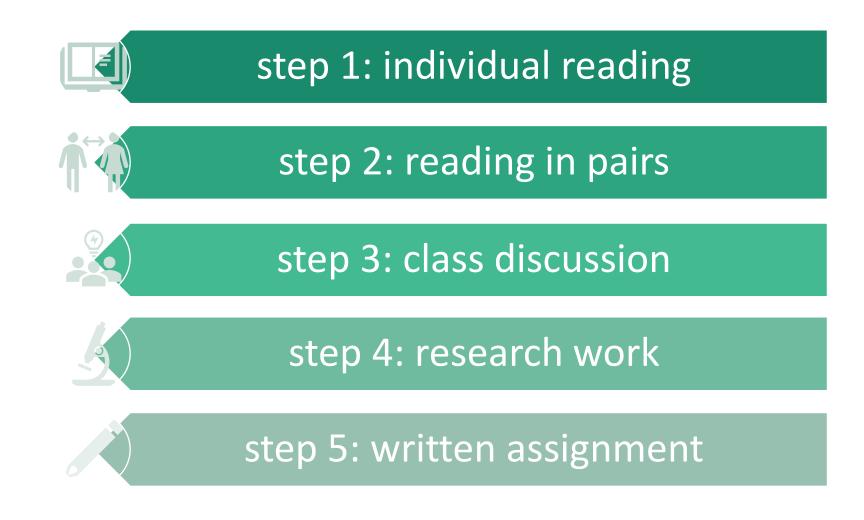


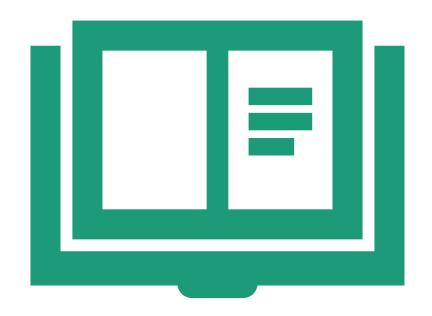
DEVELOP CRITICAL READING SKILLS



FOSTER READING MOTIVATION

# D. Five steps

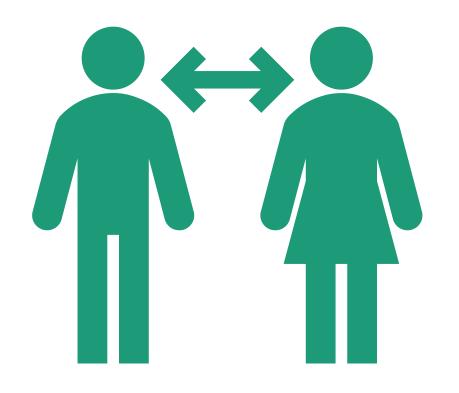




# Step 1: Individual reading/listening

- Read (and/or listen to) the story carefully.
- During (and after) the reading/listening, write down questions that you have about the story.
- These questions can come out of wonder, curiosity, lack of understanding or frustration.
- You shouldn't write down questions that you know the answer to yourself.

[No introduction, contextualization,....]



# Step 2. Reading in pairs

- Make sure you understand the story well. If necessary, consult language websites (see list).
- Discuss the questions that you have noted down. Are there any questions that can now easily be answered?
- From the questions that remain without a definitive answer, choose 1 "crucial question" that seems to bring you to the heart of what the story is about.
- Submit your crucial question to the teacher.



# Step 3. Class discussion

We discuss the crucial questions together according to the following principles:

- you try to answer the crucial questions of your fellow students.
- you always look for elements from the story in order to back up your answers.
- we are not looking for the 'one correct interpretation of the story' (it does not exit), but we try to find out how the gaps and ambiguities in this short story make different interpretations possible.

You can make notes during the discussion with a view to the assignment in step 5



# Step 4. Research work

You work together with a few classmates to further investigate one specific (thematic, formal, contextual) aspect of the story:

- your research will enable you and the rest of the class – to better understand the story in its larger context, i.e. as part of a literary tradition, culture and society.
- you can use the websites provided for the aspect you have chosen.
- each group member takes notes.

After the research, each group member informs other classmates of what he/she has found out about this particular aspect of the story.



# Step 5. Written assignment

- You choose 1 of the 5 assignments listed below.
- You receive an assignment sheet with guidelines as well as a peer evaluation sheet.
- You can use the notes you made during the class discussion and research work to provide content for your assignment.

A 1: make a reading guide for future readers of the story

A 2: make a reading guide for another story (in pairs)

A 3: write a reflection on your reading and learning process

A 4: rewrite the story from another perspective (e.g. era, culture, character, genre) A 5: make a comparison with a work of art on

the same theme

#### Korte verhalen in de talenklas

In het kader van het Erasmus+ project "Short Forms Beyond Borders" hebben docenten van de KU Leuven een didactische methode ontwikkeld om korte verhalen (in verschillende media) in te zetten in het talenonderwijs. Deze methode omvat een vijfstappenplan dat je bij verschillende teksten en voor verschillende niveaus kan gebruiken, zowel voor het Nederlands als voor de moderne vreemde talen. Naast het algemene stappenplan zelf vind je op deze website ook alle bijhorende documenten en enkele concrete lesmodules die je meteen kan gebruiken in de klas.



#### Het vijfstappenplan

Het vijfstappenplan is een methode om met korte verhalen aan de slag te gaan in het talenonderwijs gedurende 3 tot 5 lesuren.

Afgestemd op de nieuwe eindtermen en het Europees

Referentiekader voor de Talen, biedt het een geïntegreerde aanpak van taal-, cultuur- en literatuuronderwijs. Het vijfstappenplan is algemeen genoeg om te kunnen worden toegepast op een verscheidenheid aan verhalen en in verschillende klascontexten. Het vijfstappenplan biedt echter ook concrete richtlijnen qua timing, didactiek en evaluatie.

Lees hier meer over het vijfstappenplan



#### Lesmodules

Hier vind je lesmodules waarin het vijfstappenplan concreet wordt uitgewerkt per taal. We geven ook aan welke lesmodules vakoverschrijdend ingezet kunnen worden.

#### Databank voor korte verhalen

Aangezien het vijfstappenplan gebruikt kan worden voor de meest uiteenlopende korte verhalen, kan je als leerkracht zelf de te lezen korte verhalen kiezen in functie van je klasgroep of de actualiteit. In <u>deze databank</u> kan je voor Engels, Frans, Spaans, Italiaans of Nederlands korte verhalen selecteren op basis van <u>moeilijkheidsgraad</u> (A – Geschikt voor basisgebruikers van de taal, B – Geschikt voor onafhankelijke taalgebruikers en C – Geschikt voor vaardige gebruikers van de taal), korte inhoud en thematiek.

#### **ERASMUS+ Short Forms Beyond Borders**

Het vijfstappenplan werd tot stand gebracht in het kader van het Erasmus+ project Short Forms Beyond Borders, een samenwerking tussen de departementen letterkunde van de universiteiten van Angers, Athene, Giessen, Leuven, Santiago de Compostela en Szeged. Het project richt zich op de integratie van korte vormen in vreemdetalenonderwijs als instrumenten voor pedagogische innovatie en culturele en sociale bemiddeling in Europa.

#### Opmerkingen? Vragen?

We streven ernaar het vijfstappenplan zo gebruiksvriendelijk en zinvol mogelijk te maken. We vernemen dan ook graag je ervaringen, opmerkingen, twijfels of vragen bij onze methode. Contacteer ons!

- Lesson series around microfiction for French, Spanish, Italian, German and English
- Try out (2021-2022) + evaluation (spring 2022)
- "More lessons
- Outreach: workshops for teachers
- Outreach: short story database and lessions

https://www.arts.kuleuven.be/outreach/tenl/korte-verhalen-in-de-talenklas

(website is in Dutch, but the didactic materials are in the target language)

 article La microfiction en classe de langue étrangère in thematic issue of Les langues modernes, 2022 (ed. Marie-Christine Anastassiadi & Marina Vihou)

# The Five-Step Model: survey (spring 2022)

- $\Rightarrow$ (very) positive evaluation of the «**dialogic**» approach (step 1-2-3)
- traditionally reading exercises and assignments directed towards «one» meaning
- dialogic approach a positive surprise, but initially some uncertainty and unease
- ⇒Choice of texts is important (obviously)!
- reading short texts in a foreign language can be challenging c.q. is challenging
- take into account differences between tracks and audiences
- $\Rightarrow$ (very) positive evaluation of the **intercultural dimension** of the texts (but avoid the obvious)
- ⇒Possible **tension** between (critical) reading skills and language acquisition
- classes sometimes switched to Dutch for more in-depth discussion of the text
- positive evaluation of Step 4 (expert work) for language acquisition but quality of the websites is crucial

### Why?

- Promoting critical literacy, literary reading and reading motivation in collaboration with other subjects
- CLIL teaching  $\rightarrow$  history taught in English or French
- Overlap in aims

### **Objectives of history education:**

- 1. Historical knowledge
- 2. **Historical** *thinking* = "the use of critical thinking skills to process information from the past" (includes awareness of difference past/present, role of present perspective in understanding/shaping the past)
- **3. Historical** *critical literacy* = "the ability to gain a deep understanding of historical events and processes through active engagement with historical texts".
- **4. Historical** *empathy* = "the skill to re-enact the thought of a historical agent in one's mind or the ability to view the world as it was seen by the people in the past *without* imposing today's values on the past"

D.L. Trombino and L. Bol, "Historical Thinking", in *Encyclopedia of the Sciences of Learning* (2012).

Seixas and Morton, *The Big Six:*Historical Thinking Concepts (2013)

Yilmaz, Kaya, "Historical Empathy and Its Implications for Classroom Practices in Schools." *The History Teacher* (2007)

### **Reading** historical fiction =

- Provides historical knowledge
- Exercises historical empathy: historical events are seen from the inside out, allowing for connection between past and present

### **Talking** about historical fiction =

- Develops historical literacy: critical scrutiny of sources
- Develops historical thinking: examining link between present and past

### **Historical (short) fiction**

- 1. Stories written and set in a past era
- 2. Contemporary stories which tell of past events from the perspective of the present.

### Combine literature and history in the five-step approach?

- greater emphasis on step 4: historical research
  - on the basis of websites with historical information
  - on the basis of historical documents
- Alternative written assignments in **step 5**:
  - create historically annotated version of the story
  - compare fictional and historical source about historical event
  - reflect on how contemporary perspective affects telling of history in historical stories

### Lesmodules

#### Duits

- > Wolfgang Borchert, Das Brot
- Alexander Kluge: zwei Geschichten aus Luftangriff auf Halberstadt
- > Mit Heiner Feldhoff "im Aldi"
- › Eine deutsche Kalendergeschichte von Bertolt Brecht: Der Soldat von Ciotat
- Eine deutsche Geschichte von Robert
   Walser: Die Wurst

### Engels

- > Microfiction
- An Irish Story: Lucy Caldwell's "Inextinguishable"
- › A story about war: Liam O'Flaherty's "The Sniper"
- › A story about the Dublin Easter Rising: Mary O'Donnell's "The Black Church"
- Witches then and now: Emma
   Donoghue's "Looking for Petronilla"

#### Frans

- > Microfiction
- > "Barbe-Bleue" de Tahar Ben Jelloun

#### Italiaans

- > Microracconti
- > Il racconto Lui e io di Natalia Ginzburg

### Nederlands

> Annelies Verbeke en Rachida Lamrabet

### Spaans

- > Microficción
- > Viaje y migración

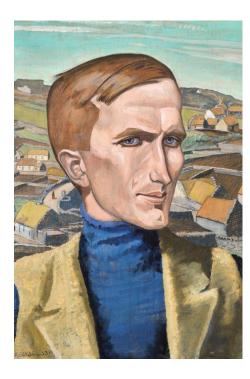
### Liam O'Flaherty, "The Sniper" (1923)

#### Irish Civil War

From Academic Kids

The Irish Civil War (June 1922–April 1923) was a conflict between supporters and opponents of the Anglo-Irish Treaty of December 6, 1921, which established the Irish Free State, precursor of today's Republic of Ireland. Opponents of the Treaty objected to the fact that it retained constitutional links between the United Kingdom and Ireland, and that the six counties of Nothern Ireland would not be included in the Free State. The Civil War cost the lives of more than had died in the War of Independence that preceded it. It left Irish society deeply divided and its influence in Irish politics can still be seen to this day.





#### The Civil War in Dublin



### aster Rising



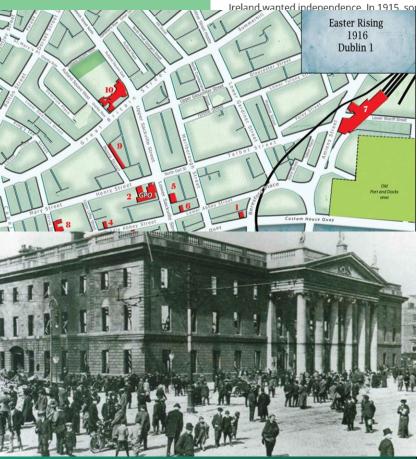
eople view the remains of a building that was destroyed during the Easter Rising. National Library of Ireland

#### Introduction

The Easter Rising was a rebellion against B took place in the capital city, Dublin. It beg which was the day after Easter that year, a the end, the rebels were beaten.

#### **Background to the Rising**

At the time, Ireland was ruled by Britain bu



# Mary O'Donnell, "The Black Church" (2018)

Example of assignment (step 5): Dublin in 1916

- Use the map of the area around the GPO in 1916 to trace Ann Mary's steps in the story
- Check against a contemporary map of Dublin (google maps)
- Look up the location of the historical shop of Kennedy's Bread

### Emma Donoghue, "Looking for Petronilla" (2001)









**Application of the Five-Step Model in higher education (Angers)** 

Mobilising Short Forms for the study of Iconic Literature: Pedagogical sequence and sample lesson plan (BA1 courses)

- = pedagogical sequence implementing elements of the five-step model for deep reading.
- 1) Reading literary texts: a course fostering deep reading (~ steps 1-2-3) + creative-writing exercises (rewriting the end; imitating the style,...)
- 2) Authorial Icons: course adopting short forms to foster student engagement and curiosity to study iconic works of British literature ("iconic": canon; larger cultural significance or cult status; various forms of adaptation and rewriting; ...) (~steps 4-5)

Angers team

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#### Authorial icons: schedule

- Week 1 Introduction
- Week 2 Geoffrey Chaucer, Prologue to "The Wife of Bath's Tale," The Canterbury Tales
- Week 3 William Shakespeare, "Sonnet 18"
- Week 4 William Blake, "The Tyger" and William Wordsworth, "I wandered lonely as a cloud"
- Week 5 Excerpt from Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*
- Week 6 Excerpt from Mary Shelley, Frankenstein
- Week 7 Excerpt from Charles Dickens, Oliver Twist
- Week 8 W.B. Yeats, "The Second Coming" and/or "Sailing to Byzantium"
- Week 9 Excerpt from Virginia Woolf, Orlando
- Week 10 Excerpt from Chinua Achebe, Things Fall Apart
- Week 11 Excerpt from Zadie Smith, White Teeth
- Week 12 In-Class Exam

### Flipped Classroom approach:

- Students prepare worksheets before coming to class, and these are used as a basis for discussion during the class session.
- The worksheets can be used in a variety of manners in the classroom depending on the results of the students' research.
- Flexbile teaching formats: large group and/or small group discussions, debates, use of Padlet or other digital tools, sharing of resources in small groups, short oral presentations in front of the class,....
- Academic course > critical reflection on politics and ethics of reading these specific texts (and of reading in general)

Evaluation of the course: portfolio of worksheets + a traditional 40-minute exam

Personal research and reading questions (before the class)

What was his family background and his professions? How do you think this contributed to the writing of the *Canterbury Tales*?

When were the Canterbury Tales written?

What is the storytelling situation in the *Canterbury Tales*? What language were the tales written in? Why is this significant? What is the title of the initial text that sets up the storytelling situation?

Who is Thomas à Becket? How many pilgrims are present in the frame story? How many tales did Chaucer originally intend to write? How many tales were ultimately written?

The Canterbury Tales is an early example of a "frame" story that includes many "framed" stories. Can you think of any other examples in literature or film of a similar structure?

Each of the *Tales* was told using a different literary form. What are some of these forms? How do you think the use of different forms contributed to the overall effect of the tales?

What were some of the *Tales* titles? Who are some of the characters who told the other tales? Why didn't Chaucer didn't use proper names for his characters?

Just for fun: Find a *Canterbury Tale* meme on the internet that you find particularly entertaining and copy it here.

See if you find any other resources on the internet or social media that propose original presentations of the tales (youtube, social media etc).

Can you find any interesting adaptation of the *Tales*, or of the "Wife of Bath's Tale"?

#### "Wife of Bath's Tale" Excerpt: Questions

Reading questions for the prologue to the *Wife of Bath's*Tale

(read the text and prepare answers to these questions before class)

How does the title reflect the main character's position in society?

What form is used to tell the original version of the tale.

How many "husbands" has the Wife of Bath had? How does she describe them?

What is her attitude towards love and faithfulness?

Some people might say the Lady of Bath is characterized as seeking power. Can you find at least three examples in the text that support this idea?

What does she say about lying? What advice does she give to other women who might have been unfaithful to their husbands?

How does she break the idea of the "model wife"? What image of women is portrayed through the wife of Bath? Do you find this image liberating/feminist or do you find it to be sexist?

# General questions for discussion in class

#### General questions for discussion in class:

Please note down your group's references and main discussion points. Please write some answers to questions 1-3 after your discussions to complete the worksheet.

Share your favorite memes and videos with the members of your group.

- 1. Why do you think this collection of tales has become such an iconic work of literature?
- 2. The focus in these tales is on storytelling and simulated oral storytelling. What types of <u>collective</u> storytelling situations exist today? What types of stories are told? How are these similar and different from the Chaucer's tales? How do the best stories get rewarded?
- 3. Imagine a <u>frame</u> tale and the names of ten characters for a modern-day version of the *Canterbury Tales*. Imagine 1.) The meeting point of the frame tale; 2.) The reason all of these characters are meeting; and 3.) The names of the different characters and how many tales they will tell, and what they will win if they tell the best tale.

(Consider, for example, the anthology of short stories published by Comma Press in 2016: *Refugee Tales*. Stories include the following: The Migrant's Tale, the Chaplain's Tale, The Unaccompanied Minor's Tale, The Lorry Driver's Tale, The Arriver's Tale, The Visitor's Tale, The Detainee's Tale...)

### Applications of the Five-Step Model in the language class (Athens)

Project in 3<sup>rd</sup> Primary School, Zografou, coordinated by Julie Gyftoula = 9-10 years old pupils worked on Ted Hughes's *There Came a Day* & Ernest Hemingway"s *The Old Man at the Bridge*, following the five-step model.

https://padlet.com/juliegy/3rd-primary-school-pupils-working-on-short-forms-1a9otarhzb6r/wish/2038093843

Project for a primary school, Athens, coordinated by Julie Gyftoula = 6° grade (11-12 years old), working on Hemingway, *The Old Man at the Bridge* <a href="https://www.canva.com/design/DAFEZZGuU8k/oOYeHNy-8AZAHs0Jm6QsQg/view#2">https://www.canva.com/design/DAFEZZGuU8k/oOYeHNy-8AZAHs0Jm6QsQg/view#2</a>

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- 1. Who is crossing the bridge? Why are they traveling?
- 2. In the first paragraph of the story, why does the old man sit there "without moving"?
- 3. What is the narrator's business?
- 4. Describe the old man's clothing.
- 5. Why do you think that the narrator keeps repeating "The Old man was still there"?
- 6. Do you think that the narrator understands how the old man feels? How do you know?
- 7. What is "all the good luck that old man would ever have'? Why might the old man need good luck?
- 8. What do you think this story's purpose is? What does the author want to emphasize?











### TASK 3: itineraries Baludik

#### 4 itineraries developed for the Baludik app

### Naufrage sur micronèse, l'île des formes brèves

Created by Cécile Ménard, Emmanuel Verdanakis, Michelle Ryan (University of Anger https://baludik.fr/balades/fiche balade parcours-b1676#

#### L'aventure du petit chien Madeleine à Angers

Created by students in the Franco-Hellenic master's programme from the Universities of Athens and Angers (2020-2021)

https://baludik.fr/balades/fiche balade parcours-b1754

#### The Short Quest to Knowland

Designed by students from partner universities of SFBB during a TLT seminar at the university of Giessen (2022) <a href="https://baludik.fr/balades/fiche-balade-parcours-b2355-the-short-quest-to-knowland-gieszen-allemagne#">https://baludik.fr/balades/fiche-balade-parcours-b2355-the-short-quest-to-knowland-gieszen-allemagne#</a>!

### The Pursuit of Wisdom in Athens

Designed by Ourania Voskaki, Assistant Professor at the Department of French Language and Literature at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (2023)

https://baludik.fr/balades/fiche balade parcours-b3319-the pursuit of wisdom in athens-%CE%AC-%CE%AC#!

+ article on Baludik by Mathilde Chauvet, Manon Roux, Elsa Godet, Eva Auré, forthcoming



### Naufrage sur Micronèse, l'île des formes brèves



#### **Université d'Angers**

Art and literature 30 min



Voulez-vous suivre le magicien Edgar dans un voyage virtuel sur Micronèse, l'île des formes brèves ?! Lors de ce voyage, vous rencontrerez des obstacles qu'il vous faudra franchir en réalisant différentes missions Et à la fin vous aurez en votre

### L'Aventure du Petit Chien Madeleine à

O Angers, Maine-et-Loire (49)

#### Venez découvrir la ville d'Angers !

Réalisé dans le cadre du projet européen Erasmus+ Short Form Beyond Borders, ce parcours confie à Edgar Allan Poe et sa petite chienne, Madeleine, la responsabilité de vous faire connaître Angers, dont ils vous présenteront quelques ressources et le charme du cadre dont elles émanent - ce que Du Bellay, et après lui la France - appelle « la douceur angevine ».

#### Point de départ : Devant la Galerie David d'Angers,

33 Rue Toussaint, 49100, Angers France

À côté de l'Office de Tourisme, comme c'est pratique!

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Point de départ

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#### The pursuit of Wisdom in Athens

Ζωγράφου, Ελλάδα

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scavenger hunt. On your journey with Athena, you will encounter challenging riddles and

While helping your new friend, with your own wit, you will not only unravel the mysteries at hand, but also gain insights into the ways knowledge is revealed and discover how the management and application of information in modern-day Europe are intertwined with

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(e) Cießen, Allemagne

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In the itinerary, you will join Prometheus the Wisp on a quest to retrieve knowledge and return it to your people. On your journey, you will encounter daunting puzzles and memorable characters. With the help of your new friend and your own wit, you will not only figure out how to solve the problem at hand, but also learn about the gatekeeping of knowledge, and discover how short forms are indissociable from how you handle and use information in the

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