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***Middlemarch* Discussion Topics**

A Study of Provincial Life	Insiders/outsideers (natives and settlers)
Old and young	Narrative voice
Multiplopped novels ("equivalent centers")	Genealogies
This particular web	Disinheritance
Key to All Mythologies	Chapter epigraphs and intertextuality
The narrator's self-critiques	Marriage
The originary tissue	Money and debt
Women's education	Crime
Men's vocation	Heroic lives/unvisited tombs
History of Medicine	Characters and Types
Railways and progress	Later-born St. Therasas
Liberalism, Politics, and the Reform Bill	Marriage Plots
Dorothea's cottages and agricultural reform	Religion & Hypocrisy
Sympathy: "Why always Dorothea?"	Class
The squirrel's heartbeat	Gossip & Newspapers
	Serialization & Division into 8 Books

Reception
Pseudonymous authorship

Adaptations: Plays, Films, Opera

***Middlemarch* Reading Schedule**

Monday, July 31 Books 1 and Book 2, thru Chapter 16
Tuesday, August 1 Books 2 & 3, re-read Prelude
Wednesday, August 2 Books 4 & 5 (esp. thru chapter 45)
Thursday, August 3 Books 6 & 7
Friday, August 4 Book 8

Reading schedule allows especially for discussions of the following topics

Monday: realist fiction, omniscient narration, multiplots
Tuesday: marriage plots & gender (part one)
Wednesday: Medicine (Lydgate, the hospital, Bulstrode)
Thursday: Government & Politics (Brooke, Ladislav)
Friday: marriage plots and gender (part two)