

Great Books Seminar
Assignment 26

1. Read *Idylls of the King*: “The Dedication,” “The Coming of Arthur” and “Gareth and Lynette.” Be sure to complete the study guide material. Complete all of the exercises, including the vocabulary; however, you will only be responsible for the vocabulary for “The Coming of Arthur.”
2. On Friday, May 5, I am planning to show a film production of the *Far from the Madding Crowd*, which won numerous accolades from critics. It won National Board of Review Award for Best Film and National Board of Review Award for Best Actor (Peter Finch—the actor who plays



Boldwood). It was also nominated for an Academy Award for Best Original Score, a Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture – Drama, a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor – Motion Picture Drama (Alan Bates, who plays Gabriel), a Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actress (Prunella Ransome, who plays Fanny), a BAFTA Award for Best Cinematography, and BAFTA Award for Best Costume Design. Here is the schedule: I will review aspects of the novel and talk about the film at 6:00; we will watch the first part of the film till around 7:15. We will then eat, and resume at 8:00. The evening will end around 9:30. If you cannot make it, please let me know as soon as you can.

