Strange how a teapot can represent at the same time the comforts of solitude and the pleasures of company.” ~Author Unknown

"Each cup of tea represents an imaginary voyage." ~Catherine Douzel

"I always fear that creation will expire before teatime." ~Sydney Smith

"There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea.”~Henry James, The Portrait of a Lady

Next Class: Tea and scones will be served to celebrate your graduation from my British Literature class.

Return: Stobaugh $20.00 charge for failure to return the book.

Fill Out: ___Class Assessment Form - Extra Credit for turning in this form!

Recitation: ___Poetry Slam Week 32 (next class) you will be performing your poems in a poetry slam. You have to perform ONE original and ONE poem by another author (at least 50 words). Pay attention to your delivery of the poem. We will have 3 judges here to evaluate.

What IS a Poetry Slam?
Simply put, a poetry slam is the competitive art of performance poetry. It puts a dual emphasis on writing and performance, encouraging poets to focus on what they're saying and how they're saying it.

Officially- There is an organization - Poetry Slam Inc.
Who gets to participate in an official Poetry Slam? The vast majority of slam series registered by Poetry Slam, Inc. are open to everyone who wishes to sign up and can get into the venue. Though everyone who signs up has the opportunity to read in the first round, the lineup for subsequent rounds is determined by the judges’ scores. In other words, the judges vote for which poets they want to see more work from.

What are the rules? (For an official "slam" not for Brit Lit Class)
Though rules vary from slam to slam, the basic rules are:
• Each poem must be of the poet's own construction;
• Each poet gets three minutes (plus a ten-second grace period) to read one poem. If the poet goes over time, points will be deducted from the total score.
• The poet may not use props, costumes or musical instruments;
• Of the scores the poet received from the five judges, the high and low scores are dropped and the middle three are added together, giving the poet a total score of 0-30.

For more information go to poetryslam.com and find General FAQs

E-mail: Please e-mail me your two favorite poems which you authored. This is a required, extra-credit assignment.

"What I believe to be incumbent upon all Christians is the duty of maintaining consciously certain standards and criteria of criticism over and above those applied by the rest of the world; and that by these criteria and standards everything that we read must be tested. We must remember that the greater part of our current reading matter is written for us by people who have no real belief in a supernatural order, though some of it may be written by people with individual notions of a supernatural order, though some of it may be written by people with individual notions of a supernatural order which are not ours. And the greater part of our reading matter is coming to be written by people who not only have no such belief, but are even ignorant of the fact that there are still people in the world so "backward" or so "eccentric" as to continue to believe. We shall certainly continue to read the best of its kind, of what our time provides; but we must tirelessly criticize it according to the principles admitted by the writers and by the critics who discuss it in the public press." (T.S. Eliot, Religion and Literature, 1935)