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You ask how much I need you, must I explain?
I need you, oh my darling, like roses need rain.
You ask how long I'll love you; I'll tell you true:
Until the twelfth of never, I'll still be loving you.

Hold me close, never let me go.
Hold me close, melt my heart like April snow.

I'll love you till the bluebells forget to bloom;
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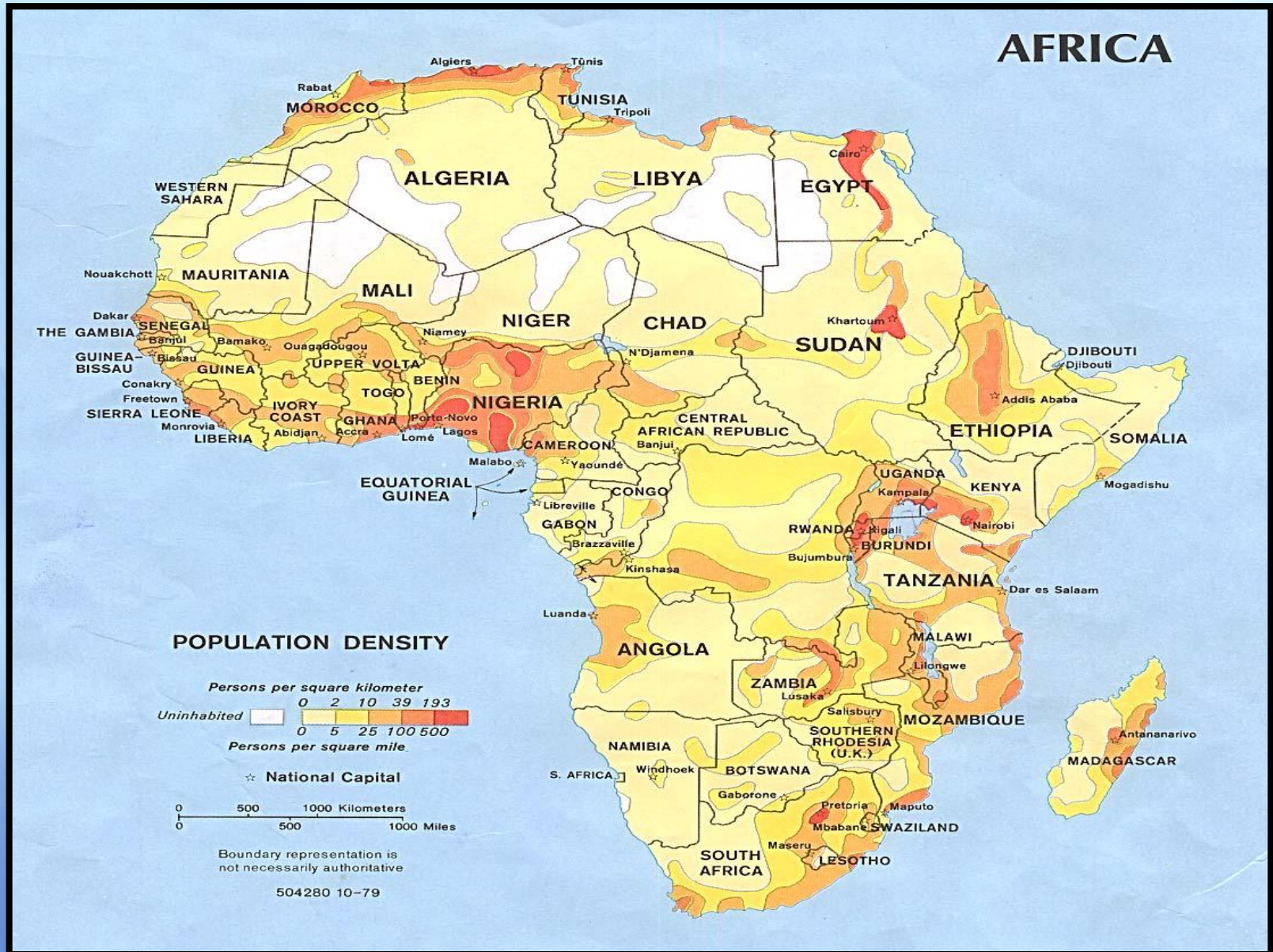
CHICAGO

HOG Butcher for the World,
Tool Maker, Stacker of Wheat,
Player with Railroads and the Nation's Freight Handler;
Stormy, husky, brawling,
City of the Big Shoulders:

They tell me you are wicked and I believe them, for I
have seen your painted women under the gas lamps
luring the farm boys.
And they tell me you are crooked and I answer: Yes, it
is true I have seen the gunman kill and go free to
kill again.
And they tell me you are brutal and my reply is: On the
faces of women and children I have seen the marks
of wanton hunger.
And having answered so I turn once more to those who
sneer at this my city, and I give them back the sneer
and say to them:
Come and show me another city with lifted head singing
so proud to be alive and coarse and strong and cunning.
Flinging magnetic curses amid the toil of piling job on
job, here is a tall bold slugger set vivid against the
little soft cities;

Fierce as a dog with tongue lapping for action, cunning
as a savage pitted against the wilderness,
Bareheaded,
Shoveling,
Wrecking,
Planning,
Building, breaking, rebuilding,
Under the smoke, dust all over his mouth, laughing with
white teeth,
Under the terrible burden of destiny laughing as a young
man laughs,
Laughing even as an ignorant fighter laughs who has
never lost a battle,
Bragging and laughing that under his wrist is the pulse,
and under his ribs the heart of the people,
Laughing!
Laughing the stormy, husky, brawling laughter of
Youth, half-naked, sweating, proud to be Hog
Butcher, Tool Maker, Stacker of Wheat, Player with
Railroads and Freight Handler to the Nation.

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Things to do today (3/7)

- 1. English poetry versification
- 2. Carl Sandburg ("Chicago," 1914)
- 3. Ernest Hemingway ("Cat in the Rain," 1925)
- 4. *Foe* (Part I, pp. 1-45; 1986)
- 5. 3/14, Film Viewing, *Cast Away* (2000)
- Attendance; connection w/ the novel, *Foe*
- 6. 3/21, two group reports on *Foe*
- Group I: pp. 47-79; Group II: 80-111
- 7. 3/28, two group reports on *Foe* (pp. 112-157)
- 8. 4/4, Holiday (Midterm Take-home Exam)
- 9. 4/11, Lecture
- 10. 4/18, **Midterm Take-home Exam Due**
- 11. Which two groups to present on 3/21 and 3/28
- 12. I'd like to see 3 students after the class.

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“The Twelfth of Never”

- Original singer, Johnny Mathis, in 1957
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English Poetry Versification

- 1. Rhyme
- 2. Alliteration
- 3. Metaphor
- 4. Speaker
- 5. Hyperbole
- 6. Catalogue
(Cataloguing)
- 7. Lyric poem
- 8. Carpe Diem

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Chicago by Lake Michigan

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The Skyscraper



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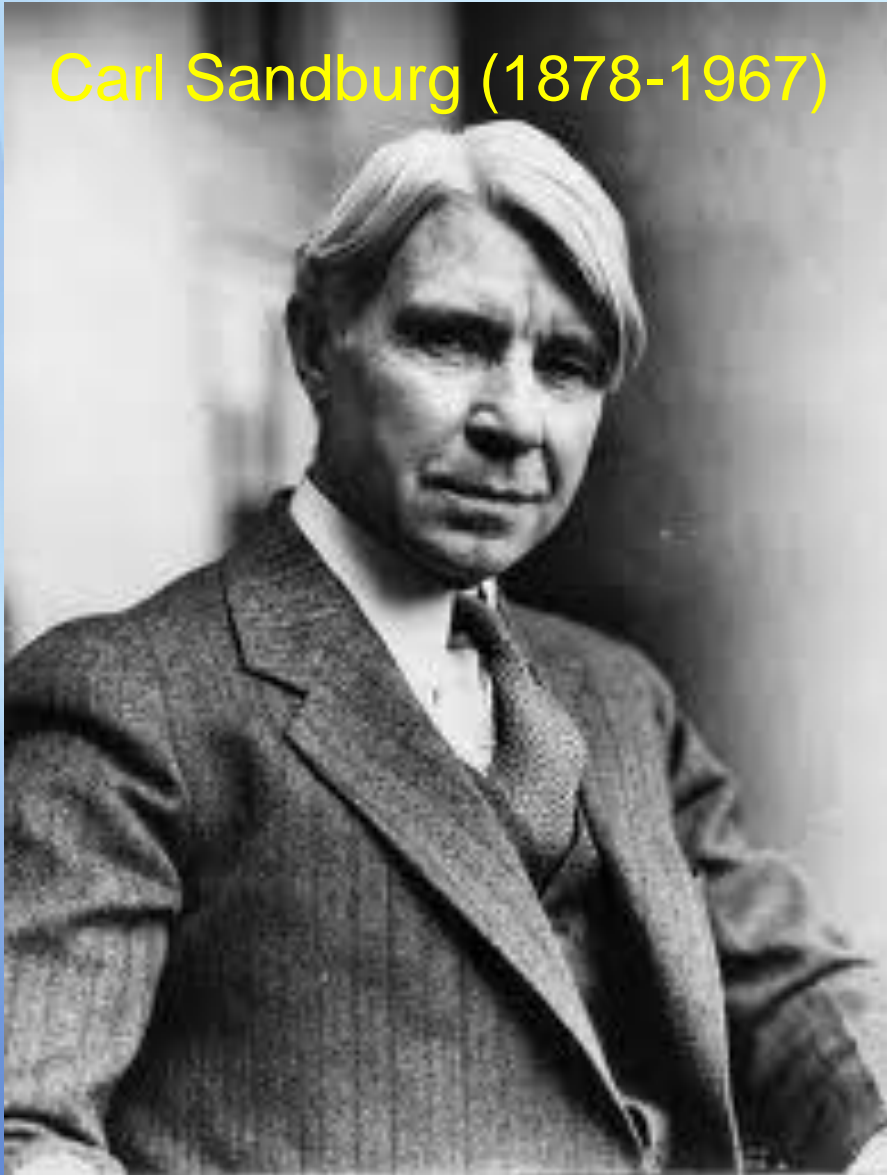
The Millennium Part

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- Chicago , the largest city in Illinois and the 3rd most populous city in the US, with around 2.7 million residents.
- The greater Chicago area is called “Chicagoland.”
- Chicago was incorporated as a town in 1837. Today, the city retains its status as a major hub for industry, telecommunications and infrastructure.
- The major airport, O’Hare International Airport, is the 2nd largest airport in the world.
- Chicago has many nicknames, which reflect the impressions and opinions about historical and contemporary Chicago. The best known include: “Chi-town,” “Windy City,” “White City,” and the “City of Big Shoulders.”

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Carl Sandburg (1878-1967)



Sandburg was from Galesburg, Illinois, with a an immigrant background from Sweden. He was an American writer and editor, best known for poetry. He wrote for the Chicago Daily News and won three Pulitzer Prizes. He's known as "indubitably an American in every pulse-beat." He worked as a porter, milkman, bricklayer, farm laborer, coalheaver, etc.

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Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961)



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“The Cat in the Rain” (1925)

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- 2. What does the hotel owner symbolize?
- 3. What does the cat symbolize?
- 4. Why is the rain important? What if the woman is looking for the cat when it's sunny?
- 5. Why is the woman nameless?
- 6. Why is the woman called “the American girl”?
- 7. Why does the short hair symbolize?
- 8. Compare and contrast George and the hotel owner.
- 9. What does the story mean?

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Foe by J. M. Coetzee (1986)
Theme Discussion Sheet (Part I, pp. 5-45)
3/7/2012

Group	Pages	Themes, Keywords, Imagery	Questions
Iping	5-9	Brazil, island, rowing, castaway, negro, shipwreck, cannibals, desert island, Crusoe, "long hair," "anemone," "petticoat"	Why is the story told by a woman?
Africa	10-12		
Brazil	13-15		
Croetia	16-18		
England	19-21		
India	22-24		
Mongolia	25-27		
Portugal	28-30		
Spain	31-33		
South Africa	34-36		
Taiwan	37-39		
US	40-42		
the Americas	43-45		

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