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Thema	Key Concepts: Literature and Science in the Long Nineteenth Century [AA-A2, ENG-6, ENG-6a, ENG-7a, AA10, LAA9, LAA11, LAA12, LAA13, SLM-WB, AA-W]
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Course Description:

This lecture explores the reciprocal relationships between literature and science in the Victorian period. It traces both the literariness of scientific discourses and the appearance of the scientific (theoretical, technological, etc.) in literature. The (transformations in the understanding of the) human body and perception as well as history and environment lie at the core of these preoccupations. I will explore how such forces as industrialization but also new perspectives such as evolution, eugenics, degeneration theories and a more general shift towards objectivity influenced literary texts (Hardy, Eliot, etc.) but also how the literary tradition (along with new technologies) was integral to scientific arguments (Darwin, Galton, Huxley).