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All seminars are at 135 N. Grove St., Eustis unless noted otherwise. Register by calling: 352.357.3995 or online: www.lakeeustisinstitute.org

Great Ideas Seminar March 17th, Shakespeare's Henry VIII

Remember, history is written by the winners. Shakespeare wrote his history plays during the reign of Elizabeth I of England. They are, in part, propaganda for the House of Tudor of which Elizabeth was the last monarch. The play Henry VIII ends with the triumphant christening of Elizabeth with no foreshadowing of the political and religious turmoil to come.



Not only propaganda is apparent in Henry VIII, there is poetic license as well. Shakespeare based his play on Raphael Holinshed's The Chronicle of England, Scotland and Ireland, but he telescoped time to fit his dramatic structure. For example, in the play Cardinal Wolsey dies shortly after Henry strips him of his wealth and political position. In fact Wolsey lived for a year in disgrace before his death.

Historians are indebted to Holinshed's Chronicles, but imagine the debt if Holinshed had completed the project given to him. Holinshed was a translator who worked for a London printer. The printer asked Holinshed to compile a world history starting with the Great Flood and ending with the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Holinshed started his project working backward, but he died before he got very far. \$10 fee per seminar, meets at 4 PM, 135 N. Grove St. Call 352.357.3995 to register.

Book Club March 26, to Discuss *The Women's Room*



Marilyn French published *The Women's Room* in 1977 at the height of the feminist revolution.

She was called, "The writer with an AK-47". The book tells the stories of a number of women in the 1950's, and it was considered one of the most influential novels of the modern feminist movement.

In a 2006 interview with a reporter from The Guardian (a respected English periodical), French said, "...I do believe that men are to blame for the condition of women....Even men who are not actively keeping women down, but are profiting from women's position, or who don't mind things being the way they are – they are responsible too".

At the conclusion of The Guardian interview, French said, "Women who say they don't need feminism hurt themselves, because they really believe they are less important than men".

Men who think they know women should read this book or take their lunchtime (noon – 1 PM) on Thursday, March 26th to attend the Book Club discussion. Even in 2009, there might be some real surprises. Free to LEI members; \$10 for non-members. Meets at 135 N. Grove St. Call 352.357.3995 to register.



Mark your calendar! Music Recital featuring vocalists from Stetson's School of Music, Sunday, March 29th, 3-5 PM Women's Club of Eustis

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