

Sorcery
Spoiling and Healing
Shrieking Illness

Outline

- Administrative announcements
 - Grade options
 - G20 chaos
 - Next week
- Sorcerers

Grade options

- LG and S/NC
- Satisfactory/No Credit
 - S = Straight C or higher
 - No impact on GPA
 - Credit counts toward graduation
 - Less risk of lowering GPA (also less chance of raising it)
 - NC = C- or lower
 - No impact on GPA
 - No credit
 - Greater risk of not getting credit
- Default is letter grade
- Deadline to submit Grade Option Form to change to S/NC
 - Thursday, September 24 in Arts & Sciences
 - Consult Dean's Office for other schools
- <http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/Forms/GRADE%20OPTION%20AUDIT%20REQUEST.pdf>

G20 Chaos, Part 1

- All classes in the Cathedral of Learning that meet after 12:00 on Thursday, September 24 are cancelled
 - Earlier Thursday classes meet as scheduled
 - All Friday classes meet as scheduled
- If you regularly attend one of the cancelled recitations
 - You may attend any other recitation this week
 - Tell the instructor your name and the name of your regular teacher, to ensure that you receive credit

G20 Chaos, Part 2

- Extra instructors in recitation meetings
- Extra free recitation absence added to grade system
 - Best 12 (of 14) recitations count in grade; other two are dropped
 - Was best 13 (of 14)
 - If you miss recitation this week, it won't be factored into your grade
- Consult the on-line Course Description for
 - Recitation meeting times and places
 - Instructor office hours

Next week

- Monday, September 28
 - Animal Brides and Grooms (not on examination)
- Wednesday, September 30
 - Examination #1
 - Bring a pencil (not pen) and your Pitt ID
- Friday, October 2
 - Make-up examination #1, 7:00 a.m., 1417 Cathedral of Learning (Slavic Department)
 - Make-up examination policies are in on-line Course Description

Types of sorcery

- Sorcery
- Spoiling
 - People
 - Crops
- Healing
- Shrieking illness (klikúshestvo)

Sorcerers and their ilk

- Pagan priest: vólkhv
- Good sorcerer:
 - Magic healer: znákhar', znakhárka
- Bad sorcerers:
 - Sorcerer: koldún
 - Witch: véd'ma

Vólkhv

- Pagan priest
- Engaged in healing
- Often debated with Christian missionaries
- Ambiguous relationship with peasantry
- Why would Bishop Serapion (13th century) condemn both those who believed in pagan priests and those who murdered them?

Znákhar', znakhárka

- Magic healer
- General practitioner, veterinarian, witch doctor
- Combines Christian prayer and folk cures
- Can undo a sorcerer's curse (which sorcerers themselves cannot do)
- Can turn a curse back on a sorcerer
- Boundaries with sorcerer may blur

Sorcery questions

- Who believed in sorcery?

Sorcery questions

- Why might sorcerers be called "people with knowledge"?

Sorcery questions

- What do sorcerers do that is bad?

Sorcery questions

- Why do sorcerers spoil?

Sorcery questions

- How do sorcerers spoil?

Sorcery questions

- Why are sorcerers blamed for spoiling?

Sorcery questions

- What do sorcerers do that is good?

Sorcery questions

- How does one become a sorcerer?

Sorcery questions

- How do you recognize a sorcerer?

Sorcery questions

- How do sorcerers get around?

Sorcery questions

- What is a carry-off (otnós)?

Sorcery questions

- Who assists sorcerers?

Sorcery questions

- How are sorcerers paid?

Sorcery questions

- How are sorcerers punished?

Sorcery questions

- What happens when a sorcerer dies?

Sorcery questions

- How do you protect yourself from a sorcerer?

Sorcery questions

- Why would you invite a sorcerer to your wedding?

Sorcery questions

- What are charms (zágovor)?
 - Attraction (prisúshka, privorót)
 - Aversion (otsúshka, otvorót)

Sorcery questions

- What magic objects are used in sorcery?

Sorcery questions

- What is the role of the Devil in sorcery?

Harvest spoiling

- What are twists (zalóm)?
- What are cuts (prozhín)?

Harvest spoiling

- How do you protect your crops?
- What is ploughing around (opákhivanie)?

Shrieking illness

- What are the symptoms of shrieking illness (klikúshestvo)? How is it recognized? Who suffers from it? Where does it strike? What expected symptoms are missing?
- How is it treated?
- What's really going on?
