

BLOCK SEMINAR

CHICANX LITERATURE: A REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE

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This seminar explores the vibrant, insurgent tradition of Chicanx literature through the lens of rebellion, resistance, and reimagination. From the margins of American society, Chicanx writers have challenged dominant narratives of identity, nationhood, gender, and power. Indeed, different texts and art work reclaim and redefine "rebel without a cause" by examining how Chicanx authors create characters, spaces, and stories that resist assimilation and advocate for social justice, cultural pride, and political transformation.

Through poetry, fiction, memoir, and performance, we will engage with key works by writers such as Gloria Anzaldúa, Luis Valdez, Sandra Cisneros, José Antonio Villarreal, Helena María Viramontes, and others. The course will also draw connections between literature and broader movements such as the Chicano Movement, queer activism, migration, etc.