

Reading Short Stories in French—Syllabus

Midcoast Senior College, fall 2022

Fridays 1:00-2:00

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Readings: The short stories covered in this class come from a variety of sources and will be provided by the instructor. [*Please note: For anyone interested in reviewing verb tenses, including the passé simple used by some of our authors, copies of *501 French Verbs* by Christopher Kendris can be purchased from your local bookstore, Amazon, or secondhand from sites like Abe Books. A good online dictionary is available at www.wordreference.com.]

Homework to Prepare Before Class—

For September 16th: Please read *L'Ombre et l'absent* by Vietnamese author Phạm Duy Khiêm

For September 23rd: *Vérité et mensonge* by Birago Diop from Senegal

For September 30th: Moroccan Abdelhak Serhane's *Le Cauchemar*

For October 7th: *L'Avenir, Mossié, est dans votre main blanche* by Roch Carrier from Quebec

For October 14th: Canadian author Lori Saint-Martin's *Pur Polyester*

For October 21st: Frenchman Guy de Maupassant's *Le Petit Fût*

For October 28th: Another story by Maupassant *La Ficelle*

For November 4th: *Les Vieux* by Alphonse Daudet also from France