

Imagining France, Lecture 01, 2014-09-29

Preliminaries

- Module taught in English. Books read in their English translations.
- Weeks 1–5: studying French through the view of an outsider.
- Have the courage to use your own understanding and analysis of the texts.

Introductory questions

- L'Ingénu, by Voltaire.
- Lettres d'Une Péruvienne, by Françoise de Graffigny.
- French reaction to the foreigner? Foreigner's reaction to the French.
- The outsider fails to understand what they see. PATHOS.
- Does gender affect how people are treated in French culture? Did it at the time these texts were written?
- Roger Caillois.
- Defamiliarisation.