

Representation of Diseases in Literature

Unit I

Defining disease – Disease versus Illness – The Disease Concept and the Medical view of Man – Romantic notions of Disease

Unit II

Concepts of Disease – Pestilence and Mankind – The Diagnostic Process – Text and Contexts

Unit III

The Body in pain – Memory and Mourning – Literary Narratives and Patient Testimony – Disease and Subjectivity/Agency

Unit IV

Medical Identities – Death and Dying – Illness and Patient Networks – Illness activism

Unit V

Representation of Disease in Literature – Visual Representation – Disease and Creativity

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