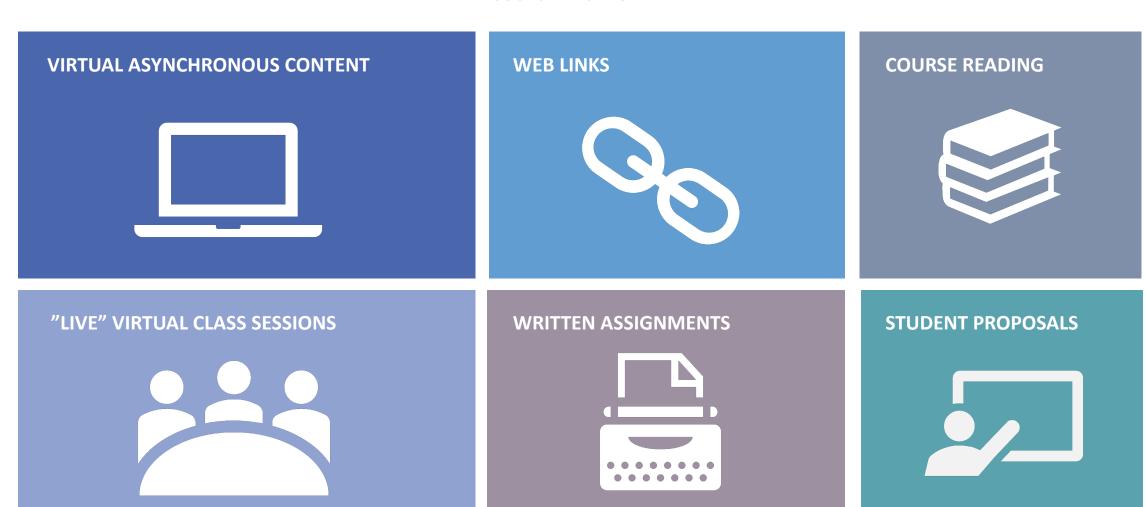


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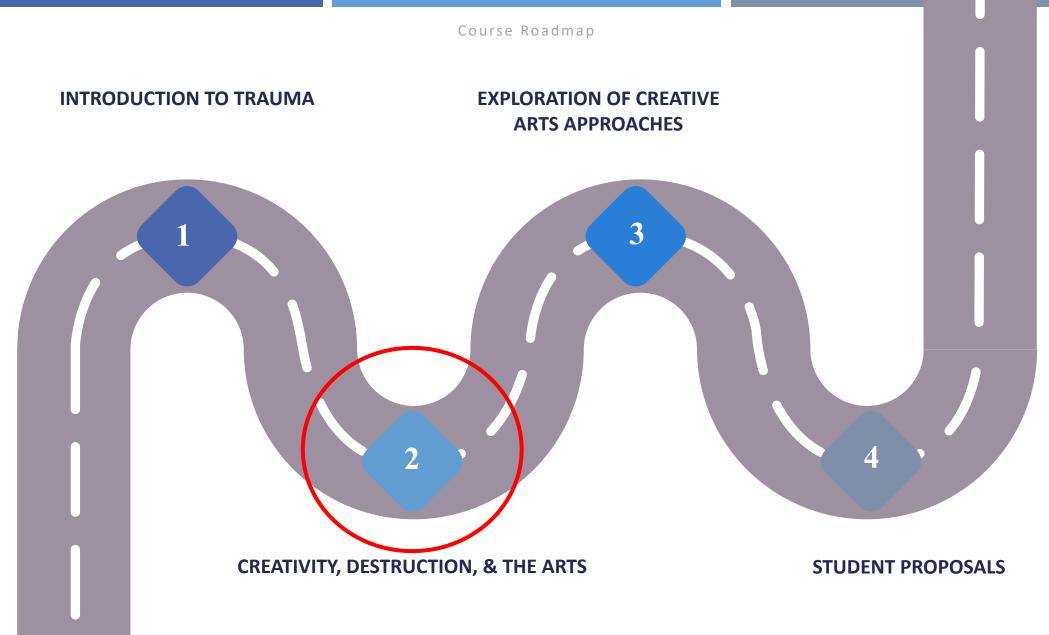
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## MIMESIS

## MIMESIS: BLOOM (2011)

- "Mimesis is defined as the ability to produce conscious, self-initiated, representational acts that are intentional but not linguistic" (Bloom, 2011).
- "From infancy on, mimetic behavior forms the core of all human connection, remains a central factor in human society, and forms the basis of the arts" (Bloom, 2011).
- "Through mimesis we are able to re-enact or re-present an event or relationship" (Bloom, 2011).

### RITUALS: BLOOM (2011)

- Rituals represent group mimesis
- "Group mimesis became the basis for ritual, our earliest attempts to begin to control nature, and ritual provided us with an entirely new way of ordering reality" (Bloom, 2011).
- "Rituals help us anticipate a safe or safer future and thereby lower our emotional and physiological hyperarousal that accompanies the unknown" (Bloom, 2011).
- "The development of ritualized behavior also served the purpose of helping us...manage aggression" (Bloom, 2011)
- "Rituals also have traditionally served vital roles in group life, providing what Driver (1991, 132 ff.) has termed the 'social gifts of ritual': ordering a chaotic, unpredictable, and therefore terrifying world, providing an opportunity for emotional union with others, and providing means for social transformations, for moving from one stage of life to another with enough emotional and material support from others to make those transitions possible without individual collapse or social disruption" (Bloom, 2011).



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