**Bad Romance in Music, Literature, Film, and Psychology**

**I. Ra Ra Ooh La La**

**1. Lady Gaga video**

**2. what is romance? what makes it hurt? what makes a bad romance? how is a heart broken?**

**3. what is a love song? what is the anti-love song?**

**4. retrospective: “Tainted Love,” “You Give Love a Bad Name,” “For No One”**

**5. Fado : songs of love and jealousy**

 **-send e-mail of youtube link to “Scenes from an Italian Restaurant” and “She’s Always a Woman”**

**II. The Bard and the Arrows of Love**

**1. excerpts from *Hamlet* and *Romeo and Juliet***

**2. poems of unrequited love by Shakespeare**

**3. poems about love and sadness by other poets**

 **a. Edna St. Vincent Millay**

 **-send e-mail of Greek myth**

**III. Love is All Greek to Me**

**1. Greek myths about the broken hearted**

 **a. Persephone and Hades**

 **b. sirens and sailors**

**IV. Bad Romance on the Big Screen**

**1. famous movie lines of love gone awry**

**2. famous movie scenes of bad romance**

 **a. *Casablanca***

**b. *Gone With the Wind***

**3. what is the anti romantic comedy? what is the romantic tragedy?**

**4. watch first 45 minutes of *500 Days of Summer***

**V. The Girl (or Guy) of One’s Dreams . . . or Nightmares**

**1. watch second half of *500 Days of Summer***

**-discuss movie**

**2. what does it mean to be in love and when is it *bad*?**

 **-philosophers (Kahlil Gibran, etc.)**

 **-poets**

 **-psychologists**

**3. love and mental disorders**

**VI. Lovesick in the Head**

**1. love and its resemblance to obsessive compulsive disorder**

**2. brain chemistry and love**

**3. different mental disorders centered on love**

 **-case studies to read in class**

**VII. Love is All You Need**

**1. why do we fall in love, even at the risk of pain?**

**2. is love all you need? is love the universal need?**

**3. ten worst romances of all time**

 **(Catherine and Heathcliff, Anthony and Cleopatra, etc.)**

**4. end of class discussion (with cupcakes!)**