“In the middle of the journey of our life, I came to myself in a dark wood, for the straight way was lost.” With these famous words begins one of the greatest literary works of the Middle Ages: the *Divine Comedy* by Dante Alighieri. In his poem, Dante traces the path that takes him from despair to illumination. Dante’s journey is personal, poetic, philosophical, and mystical. During most of the journey, his guide is the Latin poet Virgil, who was regarded as a poet, a philosopher, and a magician in Dante’s time. The strange realms through which Dante travels reflect a particular view of reality that is a synthesis of Platonism and Aristotelianism. The people Dante encounters in his journey are sometimes historical figures and sometimes mythical ones. In this course, we follow Dante on his journey and, along the way, we gain his unique insight into the world of the Middle Ages. However, Dante’s *Divine Comedy* offers not only a powerful synthesis of the medieval world; it also depicts the path we all need to take to find meaning in life. As we will learn during the course, Dante’s journey is also our journey.