

English 112: Final Exam Essay Information Spring 2010

- The exit exam, which will serve as your final exam for the course and which counts for 10% of your final grade, will be given on **Tuesday, May 4, at 8:00am** in room ADM-331 (our usual classroom). Don't be late!
- If you fail to show up for the exit exam at the designated time, you will be charged \$15 (cash only – no checks or credit cards) to take a makeup. The makeup will be offered only one time, and you will have to bring your money to Chambers 308 in order to take it. However, you may not deliberately choose to miss the exit exam and take the makeup. In order to qualify for the makeup exam, you must first contact your teacher and get permission.
- You will have precisely 100 minutes from the time you receive the exit essay questions to complete the essay. Use your time wisely.
- You may bring a dictionary, thesaurus, your reader packet with notes, and your *Little, Brown Handbook* with you to the exit exam. Electronic dictionaries and electronic spellcheckers are also allowed. No other texts, notes, lists, scrap paper, or helps are permitted. Access to the internet through laptops or mobile devices will not be allowed. All items you bring with you into the exam are subject to inspection.
- There is no talking during the essay, and I am not permitted to answer any questions or explain any of the prompts. If you don't understand a prompt, choose another.
- The essay should be written in blue or black ink. Bring an extra pen in case your runs out of ink or gets leaky.
- You should write the number of the prompt you have chosen on the front of the blue book on and the first page.
- Never tear pages out of a blue book. Write your outline on the inside cover of the book, or on the first page. Cross out (don't scribble out) anything you don't want the grader to read.
- Double space, and only write on one side of a page. If you run out of pages, begin at the back of the blue book writing on the backs of pages, and work your way back towards the front. Be sure to number your pages clearly.
- As far as content goes, remember: you are writing to an audience that is burned out from reading dozens of blue books on the same topic you are addressing. Try to be interesting and creative, while at the same time remaining on topic and not being bizarre. Don't go for sarcasm; do go for interesting and thought-provoking examples, clear support, and clear organization. Don't act bored with the topic.