

## **ENG 2333 Assessment Guidelines**

Spring 2021

Exam: This is a 3-day take home exam, consisting of 2 parts.

The first part is short answer (about  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1-page per question: 4 to 5 pages total for Part I) and the second part asks you to write a short essay (3 - 4 pages for Part II) The total exam should be 7 to 9 pages; it is fine to exceed 9 pages.

Description of Part 1 (Short answer): Students are required to answer 5 short answer questions (they choose 5 out of 6). These answers should be  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 page in length. This section of the exam should be 3-4 pages total. 50% of grade.

Answers will be assessed for their accuracy, comprehensiveness, and understanding of the course's key concepts, ideas, and historical contexts.

Description of Part 2 (Essay): The second part of the exam is a short essay. Students choose 1 question and write a 3-4 page response in standard academic essay form. They are not required to consult secondary sources for this, although many will choose to do so.

This section of the exam should be 3-4 pages total. 50% of grade.

The best essays will use specific passages or scenes from the literature in question, and they will demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the most important themes, questions, and ideas at work in each text.

The academic quality/grade of the exam will be based on:

- + Student's mastery of the assigned texts, both primary and secondary
- + Demonstrated understanding of the course's key concepts, ideas, and historical contexts
- + The level of analytical skills
- + The student's grasp of the significance of the primary and secondary materials
- + The student's ability to relate the texts to the course topic and to the questions they are answering
- + The clarity and organization of their writing (essays should follow standard essay format)
- + The use of the English language

Total length of exam is 7-9 pages (short answer and essay together.) Students will not be penalized for writing more than 9 pages, although writing too little can be grounds for failure. Exams that are significantly shorter than the 7 page minimum will most likely

fail. Students must turn in both parts of the exam (short answer and essay) in order to pass. If only one part is turned in, the exam receives a failing grade.