

## Appendix: Essay Exam

### In Class Essay

Directions: Write an essay of approximately 500 words on one of the following questions. Be sure to write in proper essay format. Pay particular attention to thesis statement, topic sentences, and evidence/examples--cited from the literature--which supports your argument.

1. Analyze the rhetorical elements (such as imagery, allusion, repetition, parallelism, and tone) inherent in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream." Are these devices effective?
2. With reference to his "I Have a Dream," argue the cogency of King's contention that "physical force" must be met with soul force." Has/Can his dream become a reality?
3. Analyze the critique of North American society presented in Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.'s "Harrison Bergeron." Is his critique fair?
4. Analyze the satire and humor in Vonnegut's "Harrison Bergeron."
5. With reference to Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.'s "Harrison Bergeron," analyze Harrison's appearance, character, and behavior in order to argue whether or not he is truly dangerous to his society.
6. Analyze the symbolism in Adrienne Rich "Diving into the Wreck." Interpret the images and the symbolism of each stage of the journey.
7. Form an argument about the conclusion of Adrienne Rich's "Diving into the Wreck." What revelation does the speaker experience? Is the ending hopeful? pessimistic? other?
8. Use its symbolism to form an argument which applies Adrienne Rich's "Diving into the Wreck" to a greater social context.