


Eng 105
UNIT 1 EXAM

20% of course grade

Due by Friday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m.

Turn it in at Ms. Humphrey's office (Black 225-28)

REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Essay responses must provide an answer to the question asked. They must have the following characteristics:
 - thesis-driven argument
 - logical support from the texts
 - essay organization (introduction with thesis, main points in body paragraphs, conclusion)
 - clear, communicative writing style free of grammar and proofreading errors.
 - ✓ You should re-read the stories closely and thoroughly with the exam question in mind.
 - ✓ **Assume** that your readers have already read all of the stories. **Avoid** unnecessary and excessive plot summary, as the questions ask specifically for interpretation.
 - ✓ You should use the literary texts to support your answers to the exam questions. When you quote from the texts, make sure that what you're quoting is of the utmost importance and really adds substance to your essay.
 - ✓ **Format:**
 - At the head of each of your essays, please indicate which question you are answering.
 - Use MLA layout, and document **all** of your sources in MLA style, complete with internal citations **and a works cited page**.
-  **NOTE:** Book titles must be *italicized*, and story titles must be "in quotation marks."

WRITING PROCESS:

- ✓ **Thesis-driven** means that you take a position (i.e., make a claim) and support it from the literary text.
- ✓ **Assistance:** You may discuss the exam questions with your peers, get together for peer review, use the Writing Center, and/or meet with me to discuss your plans for the essays. But each student must write his or her own exam essays.
- ✓ **Outside research** is not necessary; you should be able to answer the questions with your own ideas. If you want more insight on the question or topic, come to me, not to Google. If you choose to use an outside source, remember that all sources you use must be documented.
- ✓ **Brainstorm** answers to several of the exam questions. Brainstorming **BEFORE** you start writing will help you to develop more interesting content and will help you to organize your ideas before you start to write your answer. **DO NOT** turn in a freewrite.
- ✓ **Process:** **DO NOT** turn in a first draft. The reason this exam is a take-home exam rather than a 50-minute in-class exam is so that you have time to re-read the literature, time to think about and plan your essays, time to write them, time to set your writing aside, time to revisit and revise your answers, and time to edit and proofread.