



American Literature (Apex English III)

Semester One Exam REVIEW

There will be two short-paragraph answers needed and one 3-5 paragraph essay.

1. I'll give you a passage that you will need to rewrite as a paraphrase. (Put the passage into your own words. You retell EVERYTHING!) 25 pts
2. Write a paragraph that compares and contrasts the experience of reading with the experience of watching a movie or a show on television. 25 pts
3. Write a **personal essay** about what **it means for a person to be free, independent, or self-reliant** (choose any of the three terms). 50 pts

You must include at **least TWO references** to the works you've read this semester. (See Mrs. Anglin for the printed texts.)

Your answer should include a **definition of what it means to be free or independent or self-reliant**, so be prepared to define one of the terms in your own words.

You should **give concrete examples of the various real-life** challenges, sacrifices, opportunities, and satisfactions that come with freedom, independence, and self-reliance. (These can be political, global, or social issues.)

Give examples from everyday life and try to **integrate examples from the literary, social, and historical background of America if possible.** (Connect to the passages you've read.)