

English 200: King Arthur
FINAL EXAM
Take-Home Portion

This 1000-1500 word paper is due at the beginning of the in-class final exam (Wednesday, December 18th, 11:30-2:30, W01-004). The paper should be comprised of the following two parts:

1. **An imaginative revision (at least 500 words) of a course text from your blog avatar's point of view.** This revision could be approached in a variety of ways. You could insert your author/character into the story itself, write a new ending/beginning/episode for the text from your avatar's perspective, or even compose a traditional literary analysis in your author/character's voice. **Eligible texts are any on the syllabus.** The paper may be written in any genre (book review, short story, political tract, dream vision, etc.) but should focus on **one scene, idea, word, topic**, etc. in the text that would be of special interest to the character.
2. **A reflection on your revision (at least 500 words) from your point of view.** In this section, you should justify your approach and revision based on your understanding of your character, your selected text, or Arthurian literature in general. Also, discuss the experience of writing from your avatar's perspective, not only for this assignment but also for the course blog. How has the assumption of this voice enriched or limited your responses to literature? How might you have responded to this text differently if you were writing from your, not your author/character's, perspective?

Writing Process Suggestions

To write a paper that successfully engages with a specific topic, you might consider choosing passages from your text that interest you and for which you can establish some basis for a substantial, provocative, and interesting analysis and/or creative elaboration. That is, they may deal with the same subject or theme, use similar words or phrases, or share some interesting rhetorical or aesthetic characteristic. **Remember: whatever genre you choose, your paper should be an interpretation of the text by your character/author. This paper must be 1000-1500 words long (12 pt. Times, double spaced, 1" margins). LIST THE FINAL WORD COUNT AT THE TOP OF THE PAPER.**

Grading Sheet

Content:

(needs much work) 1 2 3 4 5 *(outstanding)*

- Does the paper remain focused on a particular issue on an eligible text?
- Does the paper show independent thought, initiative, uniqueness, creativity?
- Does the paper recognize and deal effectively with the contexts of the passage(s) selected?
- Does the paper maintain the blog avatar's perspective throughout?
- Does the paper show the relevance of the selected text to the blog avatar?
- Does the paper include a rationale for the revision and a reflection on the writer's own experience in assuming the character/author's voice?

Organization:

(needs much work) 1 2 3 *(outstanding)*

- Is the paper's sequence of ideas appropriate for the topic and blog avatar's perspective?
- Is the paper organized so that the reader may easily follow one main point to another?
- Is the paper written in an effective and appropriate genre?
- Are the ideas presented in a clear and engaging manner?
- Are ideas thoroughly developed, explained, and clarified?
- Does the paper use effective transitions between sentences and paragraphs to create a "smoother" reading experience?

Presentation:

(needs much work) 1 2 *(outstanding)*

- Does the paper use clear, vivid language and style appropriate to the purpose?
- Are the sentences clear, direct, and varied in length and structure?
- Does the paper establish and maintain an appropriate and consistent tone?
- Are the sentences free of errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics?
- Does the paper follow the length, content, and format requirements?

GRADE:

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(THIS TAKE-HOME EXAM COUNTS FOR 10% OF YOUR OVERALL GRADE)