SOC 492
The Community in Literature
Summer II 2008

Final Exam

The final exam in this course consists of one question and one essay, which you will prepare during the last week of class. You will write a question for the final essay and turn it in on July 22. Then, based on this question, you will prepare an essay, which you will turn in on July 31. The question is worth 10 points, and the essay is worth 30 points.

The goal of this assignment is for you to develop one of the concepts presented in the articles that we read for this course, and use that concept to analyze the works of fiction that we read.

Preparing the Question:

Choose a concept related to community that is elaborated in one or more of the articles that we read during the semester. Draft a question that applies this concept to the books and stories that we read.

Turning in the Question:

Submit the question in class on Tuesday, July 22, 2008.

Preparing the Essay:

Write a 5 page essay in which you discuss the concept, and then illustrate the concept using examples from the fictional books and short stories that we read. Use examples from all of the fictional works, but keep in mind that your primary goal is to illustrate the concept. So, your paper is about one aspect of community, using examples from the books to elaborate and demonstrate how it is that community works.

Turning in the Essay:

Submit the essay through Blackboard by 10:00 am on Thursday, July 31, 2008. Your exam MUST be in by that time; absolutely no late exams will be accepted.