**American Literature Final Exam**

**Revision is an important aspect of the writing process. Most writers (even those who have published works) argue that a piece of writing is never “perfect.” For your final exam essay, you will select one of the essays you have written this year. You will need to revise the essay and explain why the revisions you implemented were necessary to make the essay even better than your previous “final” draft.**

**Here are the aspects of the essay you will need to revise:**

* **Content –** Are there points in need of further explanation or a deeper analysis? Did you completely and thoroughly answer the prompt? *(Italicize your changes)*
* **Syntax and Diction –** Which words and sentences need to be replaced or restructured? Where can you change your writing to sound more academic/formal as opposed to conversational/casual? (Highlight your changes)
* **Grammar, punctuation, formatting, etc. –** Is the essay written in the proper MLA format? Which grammatical, spelling, and other errors need to be fixed? (Underline your changes in blue ink)

**Revision Reflection:**

* Now that you have made your revisions, write a one-page short essay reflecting on why you made certain changes and how it enhanced your writing.

**Remember to do your best work on this assignment as it is worth 20% of your semester grade.**

**DUE: May 26, 2016**

**Here is a list of the essays I will accept for this revision final:**

* **Argumentative article analysis**
* **Position essay on war**
* **Division/classification**
* **Personal statement**
* **Song lyrics analysis essay**
* **Senior speech**
* **Other – If you have written an essay for a community college course or for another class, you may also use it for this assignment (this includes research reports for Project Showcase)**