**Final Exam: Timed Essay**

For the midterm, you will be asked to complete a timed-write of a five-paragraph essay. After finishing the 20-question vocab portion, you will have the whole testing period to write this essay.

You will be allowed to choose to write about one of the following prompts:

1. One of the themes addressed in *Beowulf* is the nature of revenge and the cycle of death caused by it. How are the tribes affected by revenge, committed by or against them? How do they attempt to resolve the cycle of revenge? How does “revenge” differ from “justice”?
2. Consider the many comments by both the narrator and the protagonist (Gawain) of *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* about the importance of faith. In what ways is Gawain challenged or supported by his faith? How is Christianity promoted by the text?
3. Consider the discussions of “groups” or “folks” in *To Kill a Mockingbird* (examples: black/white, men/women, educated/ignorant, town/rural). How are these groups formed? What are the characters’ attitudes about the way people are classified?
4. OR If you would like to write about one of the short stories we have read, you are welcome to speak with me about your ideas!

Come to the final prepared to write a thoughtful five-paragraph essay, with each paragraph containing at least six sentences. Bring **this handout**, the **text** that corresponds with your selected prompt, and ONE small **notecard**. This handout and the notecard will be collected. Your notecard may contain no more than the following items:

* Thesis
* POA
* Topic Sentences
* Page numbers for three quotations
* Hook (quotation or question)
* Work Cited entry

While this essay will not be as perfect as one that you work on for an entire week, I do still expect you to follow the structures we have discussed in class, such as:

* LSU thesis
* Parallel topic sentences
* Quotation integration
* Citations (page OR line number)
* Thorough analysis
* And proper grammar!