

LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION: MIDTERM EXAMINATION

**DIRECTIONS**

PART I: QUESTION ON RHETORIC AND STYLE

1. Use your annotated copy of Sam Anderson's "Just One More Game..." to answer the twelve questions on rhetoric and style printed below.
2. Answer each question in the corresponding space on your answer sheet. You should not need more than the space provided to answer any of these questions.
  - a. That said, if you are *absolutely certain* you do need more space, ask for loose-leaf. You will suffer no penalty for this; you will, however, be made to defend your choice on January 28.
3. Be sure to put your name on each page of your response. At the end of the session, hand in your answer sheets. You may keep your copy of the article.

*[Note: The questions are the only piece of the exam that you won't have in advance.]*

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PART II: SELF-SELECTED SYNTHESIS ESSAY

1. Carefully read the sources, including the introductory information for each source. Then synthesize information from **at least three** of the sources and incorporate it into a coherent, well-developed essay that answers the prompt.
2. Use between 45-60 minutes to plan, write, and edit your response.
3. Pay careful attention to the controlling language you chose to organize the prompt (e.g., identify, evaluate, develop). Answer all parts of the prompt. In addition, be certain that
  - a. your argument is central;
  - b. the sources illustrate and support your reasoning;
  - c. you avoid merely summarizing the sources;
  - d. you indicate clearly which sources you are drawing from, whether through direct quotation, paraphrase, or summary;
  - e. you cite these sources as Source A, Source B, etc., or by using the descriptions in parentheses.
4. Write this response in the space provided to you for Part II. You should not need more than the space provided to develop your response.
  - a. That said, if you are *absolutely certain* you do need more space, ask for loose-leaf. You will suffer no penalty for this; you will, however, be made to defend your choice on January 28.
5. Read over your writing as you work. Edit, revise, and rewrite as you go.
6. At the end of the testing session, hand in your copy of the synthesis prompt with your response.