



CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 201

FINAL EXAMINATION

Time: 2 Hours

**January 2003
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PART ONE: QUOTATIONS (30%)

In each of the following quotations, (1) Analyze the ideas in the quotation (2) Link one of the ideas to another idea you have come across this semester.

1. There is no Tityos lying in Hell for ever opened up by birds of prey. But Tityos is here in our midst...that poor devil prostrated by love, torn indeed by birds of prey, devoured by gnawing anxiety or rent by the fangs of some other passions. (Lucretius)
2. "Come then, dear father, up on my back. I shall take you on my shoulders. Take in your arms the sacraments and the ancestral gods of our home. I am fresh from all the fighting and killing and it is not right for me to touch them till I have washed in a running stream". (Virgil)

PART TWO: ESSAYS (70%)

Write a complete, well-developed, and well-organized essay on ONE of the following topics:

1. The Athenian leader Pericles says in his definition of democracy in The Peloponnessian War: "We do not say that a man who takes no interest in politics is a man who minds his own business; we say that he has no business here at all." Apply this idea to at least three of the following figures: Odysseus, Oedipus, Socrates, Plato, Lucretius, Aeneas. What was their opinion of Pericles's statement? Give your OWN opinion as well. Make specific references to the relevant texts.
2. Explore in detail the virtues of Aeneas, then compare and contrast them with the virtues of at least two of the following: Gilgamesh, Odysseus, Oedipus, Socrates, Plato's ideal man. Who among them most closely approximates your OWN idea of virtue? Make specific references to the chosen texts whenever possible.

GOOD LUCK!