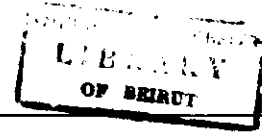


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**CVSP 201 Final Examination
Make-up for Inga Schei**

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Write 2 essays. Each one is worth 50% of your grade.

Essay I-----(50%)

In *The Fantastic: A Structural Approach to a Literary Genre*, Tzvetan Todorov says:

"The fantastic requires the fulfillment of three conditions. First, the text must oblige the reader to consider the world of the characters as a world of living persons and to hesitate between a natural and a supernatural explanation of the events described. Second, this hesitation may also be experienced by a character; thus the reader's role is so to speak entrusted to a character, and at the same time the hesitation is represented, it becomes one of the themes of the work — in the case of the naive reading, the actual reader identifies himself with the character. Third, the reader must adopt a certain attitude with regard to the text: he will reject allegorical as well as "poetic" interpretations."

Discuss Todorov's appraisal of *the fantastic* with reference to **at least TWO** texts we read this semester. You may if you wish cite more than two.

Essay II -----(50%)

Construct an Imaginary Debate between you and your classmate/s, or friends, or enemies on **ONE** of the topics listed below. *****REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE TO PRESENT VALID ARGUMENTS FOR ***BOTH***SIDES OF THE DEBATE!!!** *****DO NOT JUST PRESENT an ARGUMENT for ONE side!!!!** I am looking for the creation of a debate such as the many we had in class. *****BE SURE TO BOLSTER YOUR ARGUMENTS WITH REFERENCES TO THE READINGS!!!**

- 1) The Stoic vs Epicurean Approach to Life
- 2) The Quest for Ultimate Happiness

Good Luck ;->