



CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 201

FINAL EXAMINATION

Time: 2 Hours

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PART ONE: QUOTATIONS (30%)

The following quotation is from Virgil's The Aeneid (1) Explore the ideas in the quotation (2) Link one of those ideas to an idea that you have come across in Lucretius:

Dido's attendants caught her as she fainted and carried her to her bed in the marble chamber. But Aeneas was faithful to his duty. Much as he longed to soothe her and console her sorrow, to talk to her and take away her pain, with many a groan and with a heart shaken by his great love, he nevertheless carried out the commands of the gods and went back to his ships.

PART TWO: ESSAY (70%)

Write a complete, well-developed, and well-organized essay on one of the following topics.

1. In Sophocles's Oedipus the King, the Chorus declares at the end of the play that permanent happiness is not possible. Other writers you have read, however, believed that long-term human happiness is possible and gave definitions of it. Explore the treatment of human happiness in at least three writers of your choice. Give your own opinion as well.
2. The issue of identity is central to many works you read this semester. Explore this issue in at least three of the following works: The Epic of Gilgamesh, The Odyssey, Oedipus the King, Socrates's Apology, Plato's Republic, Lucretius's On the Nature of the Universe. Give your own opinion as well.