

CVSP 204 Sec. 1 & 2
Final Exam
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Directions:

Choose carefully 1 out of the following 4 questions and compose, in response, an informative, coherent, creative, and legible essay.

You need to have an introduction and a conclusion (plus a body of course).

Good luck!

Questions:

1. In what ways does Tayib Salih's Season of Migration to the North as a novel go beyond, in fact, reverse, some of Edward Said's arguments in Orientalism with respect to East-West relations and their views of one another? Make sure to incorporate relevant Freudian concepts/theories to answer this question.
2. How would Freud, on the one hand, and Simone de Beauvoir, on the other, explain/justify Hosna Bint Mahmoud's act of murder and suicide. Create a dialogue or an essay to answer this question.
3. Knowing what you do about Nietzsche's and Freud's world views, how would each respond to some of the major theories/ideas presented in the movie "What the Bleep Do We Know?" regarding science, religion, human will, and sexuality.
4. Water (in different states) is a central metaphor in the works we read by Freud, Tayib Salih, and Mann. Elaborate on this metaphor in a comparative manner!