

**American University of Beirut**

**English 201: Survey of American Literature  
Spring 2005**

**Final Exam**

**I. Explore ONE of the following questions in a well-organized essay (80 points).**

1. Compare and contrast the depiction of American identity in "Loose Ends," "*La conciencia de la mestiza/Towards a New Consciousness*," and *Song of Myself*.
2. Discuss the conflicted relationship between individual freedom and the pressures of conformism in "Barn Burning," "The Yellow Wall-paper," and *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.
3. With reference to "Monkey Business," *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, "Dying with the Wrong Name," and "*La conciencia de la mestiza/Towards a New Consciousness*," discuss two major characteristics of Ethnic American literature.

**II. Define the following terms (20 points, 5 points each).**

1. Stream of Consciousness
2. American Exceptionalism
3. Double Consciousness
4. Hottentot Venus

Bonus Definitions: Canon and Essentialism



**Good Luck!**