



American University of Beirut
English 226: Contemporary American Literature

Fall 2004
Final Examination

I. Discuss ONE of the following questions in a well-organized and well-written essay (80 points).

1. With reference to "Middle Passage," "Questions of travel," *Beloved*, and *The Way to Rainy Mountain*, discuss the importance of different types/forms of travel in challenging notions of power and the homogenization of American history.
2. Explore how the body functions as a site of memory and/or inscription of history in *Beloved*, *The Woman Warrior*, "Middle Passage," and "Illustration" OR "Heaven."

II. Define the following terms (20 points, 4 points each).

1. Metanarrative
2. Historiographic Metafiction
3. Minimalism
4. Magic Realism
5. Epic Poem

Good Luck!

