Take-Home Final Examination

This take-home final examination (typed, one-side only) is due Friday, December 16th at 11:00 AM in Boyle Hall 103.

The intended learning outcome for this General Education Area 6 course is that “students will understand U.S. Heritage and how that heritage informs contemporary issues.” You will be evaluated on this important intended learning outcome as part of our General Education assessment program, as well as upon your command of the course materials. For this examination, you may certainly prepare as much as you wish, but it is highly recommended that you limit your actual writing to three hours. While this is an “open book” examination, you are to limit yourself to the course texts (books and films), referring them through your speakers as appropriate for evidence.

Assume you are moderating an hour and a half discussion on public television featuring the following speakers: N. Scott Momaday, Spike Lee, W.E.B. Du Bois, John Ford, Upton Sinclair, Sandra Cisneros, Francis Ford Coppola, and F. Scott Fitzgerald. The discussion is to be focused on which aspects of the American Dream, as defined in The Constitution of The United States of America (including all ratified amendments), have been realized and which have not. Your task is to demonstrate full command of the course materials represented via the speakers, while also keeping the conversation moving along. Leave some time at the end for your own insightful summary of the speakers’ major points. Remember, your job is to inform deeply – the audience should leave your program having a much better grasp of the realized and unrealized American Dream.