WRA135 – Fall 2005 – J. Dowell

FINAL EXAM – WRITTEN SECTION

Pick one of the following two options and email your response to me before the Final Exam (8PM, 12.14.05). Have fun … but be scholarly!

Option One

**The Situation:** You’re driving in a mall parking lot looking for a space. Hey! There’s one now! An open space close to the door … and it’s not for the handicapped! You’ve also just realized you’d been reading your watch wrong; you’re fully an hour ahead of schedule! Woo-hoo! This rocks! As you pull into the space you can’t help but notice … the car next to yours has this bumper sticker. Since you’re so ahead of schedule, and as you’ve just finished researching the heck out of issues connected with American civil liberties, you find it incumbent upon yourself to write a heartfelt note to put under the car’s windshield wiper.

**The Assignment:** Agree or disagree with “spirit” of the sticker (NOT the literal wording, of course, it’s a *sarcastic* bumper sticker!), but – in either case – make a simple, strong argument (i.e., thesis) to the owner in 250-350 words (your scrap of paper is small…). Oh look – there’s a printout of an email on his dashboard. Here’s the guy’s email address: jdowell@msu.edu (heh). You’re to base your argument on one of the quotes found in the left margin of the class homepage (yep, they’ve been there all semester for a reason). You MUST cite the homepage PERFECTLY, and you MUST fully demonstrate your understanding of the CONTEXT (not just the literal words) of the quote. (Citations are not included in your word count.)

Option Two


**The Assignment:** Write to them a single 250-350-word message agreeing or disagreeing with both or either of their reviews. (Again, that’s ONE message that goes to both reviewers.) As with the first option, you’re to base your argument on one of the quotes found in the left margin of the class homepage. The address to write them is jdowell@msu.edu (okay, that’s my email address … I couldn’t find theirs <g>). You MUST cite the class homepage – and the pages for the reviews – PERFECTLY. (Citations are not included in your word count.)