LBS 335
Fall 2003

Topics for Essay 2: The Deerslayer

Write a three- to four-page response to one of the following:

1. Taking into account elements of plot, character, and theme, explain why Hetty Hutter must die. (See chapter 31, page 535.)

2. Taking into account elements of plot, character, and theme, explain why Natty Bumppo must decline all marriage proposals, including (and especially) the one from Judith Hutter. (See chapter 32, page 542.)

3. Drawing at least some of your supporting evidence from the actions and descriptions in chapters 27-32, analyze Cooper’s (implied) definition of wilderness, particularly its fusion of Romantic and American elements. (See Nash, chapters 3 and 4.)

4. Create your own topic in response to The Deerslayer. Be sure to draw at least some of your supporting evidence from the actions and descriptions in chapters 27-32, and to include a clear statement of your topic with your essay.

Remember our two key questions:

1. How do you know what you know?
2. Why do you feel what you feel?

DOUBLE-SPACED, TYPED ESSAYS ARE DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS, Thursday, October 9th.