



Avdeling for allmenne fag

EKSAMEN

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2022 Emigration/Immigration: Midwestern Texts

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Hjelpemiddel/Study aids:	English Dictionary
Merknader/Please note:	Svar på ett spørsmål. Answer one question.
Vedlegg/Appendix:	Ingen/None

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Answer ONE of the following questions (Suggested length 1300 words):

1. Harold P. Simonsen in his article, *Angst on the Prairie: Reflections on Immigrants, Rølvaag, and Beret*, makes the following claim: "Any hypothesis that purports to explain the westward movement but omits immigrant psychology must be considered incomplete. To ignore the immigrants who 'lived in crisis,' and to disregard the shock that 'persists for many years [and] reached down to [later] generations' is to pass over what even the generalist must acknowledge as a crucial facet of the total American experience." Discuss arguments for and against Simonsen's claim as reflected particularly in the character Beret in Rølvaag's *Giants in the Earth*. Discuss also whether or not you believe that Beret was "fighting for values synonymous with life?" Give examples from the novel.

OR

- 2) In the novel, *A Saloonkeeper's Daughter*, by Drude Krog Janson, the main protagonist, Astrid, makes the following observation about Minneapolis: "How ugly it was—flat and dusty, with a few poorly constructed little houses scattered on the naked prairies. God forbid! People could not live here. How they could stand to live like that, she could not understand." Place the quote in the context of the story and describe the situation Astrid is confronted with and how she tackles it. Make a brief comparison to one or two other characters you have studied this semester. Conclude by discussing whether or not the challenge of immigration is the main theme of the novel.