



Høgskolen i Telemark
Avdeling for allmenne fag

FINAL EXAM

IN

2004 - 2 AMERICAN TOPICS
(10 ETCS, 10 Norwegian study points)

1st December, 2009

Tid: 4 hours

Målform: English

Sidetal: 1 + front page

Hjelpemiddel: None

Merknader: This exam counts 60% towards the final mark in 2004 American Topics.

Vedlegg: None



Avdeling for allmennvitenskaplige fag.

Please answer TWO questions in essay format

1. The novel *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith clearly illustrates that immigration and ethnic identity are important themes among the people of Williamsburg. With reference to the novel and other texts from the course, discuss questions like the following: How does ethnic and religious identity play itself out in the communities? How do different groups live side-by-side? How do their backgrounds shape their values and their experience of the “American Dream”?
2. How does James Baldwin in *The Fire Next Time* define what being Black means in America? How do the characters in the film *Do the Right Thing* parallel his sentiment?
3. How have cultural factors or the process of acculturation of the Hispanic immigrant population influenced the concept of female beauty in the United States? In your discussion, you should include references to texts studied in the course.
4. In David Feldshuh’s play *Miss Evers’ Boys*, what arguments do Dr. Douglas and Dr. Brodus use to allow the study to continue? How are their arguments related to the concept of race? In your response, include a discussion of how hate groups in the United States (that is, The Ku Klux Klan and Christian Revivalists) use race to support their support of ethnic segregation.