



Høgskolen i Telemark

**Midteksamen**

**2004: American Topics**

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Hjelpemiddel: Engelsk-engelsk ordbok  
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Avdeling for allmennvitenskaplege fag.

Please answer only **ONE** of the following three questions.



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1. In American history and literature American Indians have often been defined both as heroes and as victims. Discuss possible reasons for such descriptions of American Indians and how the hero/victim dilemma is represented in some of the texts or pictures you have studied.
2. In some American immigrant stories the home land plays a larger role than the new (the United States). Discuss possible reasons why the remembrance of the past, contact with the old country, and the preservation of a non-English language are given such importance in some of the texts on your syllabus, including Amy Tan's *The Joy Luck Club* (1989).

(Names of mothers and daughters:

Mothers:

Suyuan Woo, An-Mei Hsu, Lindo Jong, Ying-ying St. Clair.

Daughters:

Jing-mei – June – Woo, Rose Hsu Jordan, Waverly Jong, Lena St. Clair.)

3. Both the chapter from O. E. Rølvaag's novel *Giants in the Earth* (1927) and Dos Passos' essay on Thorstein Veblen (1936) emphasise the importance of a Norwegian-American immigrant background. How does the immigrant experience influence the characters in the chapter you read from Rølvaag's novel?

(Names of characters: Per, Beret, Jacob, and Karl)