



Høgskolen i Telemark

Midteksamen

2004: American Topics

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Avdeling for allmennvitenskaplige fag.



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

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, films or pictures you have read.
2. In some American immigrant stories the home land plays a larger role than the new. Discuss possible reasons why the remembrance of the past, contact with the old country (China, Norway, or other countries) , and the preservation of a non-English language are given such importance in some of the texts on your syllabus.
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 do values from the immigrant experience of these writers influence ideas expressed in the texts you have read.