Timed Exam - Reading Set A
Topic: The Art of the Sentence
This timed exam will be held on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM
This is a sampling of materials included in the reading set. You will be sent a link to the complete reading set after you register.

1. Elkin, Lauren. “Notre Dame on Fire: Toward the Symbol at the Center of a City.”
   *I knew if I walked just a little further I would see the building itself in flames, and I just couldn’t bear it.* THIS IS A SAMPLE ESSAY FOR YOU TO ANALYZE. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE IT AS AN EXAMPLE IN YOUR ESSAY.

   *The trick, with both a long sentence and a high-wire walk, is to give off an air of controlled anarchy, of boundless freedom within clear constraints. Wire-walking may be a little more perilous than writing, but both are, ultimately, all about technique.*

3. Lutz, Gary. “The Sentence is a Lonely Place.”
   *[T]here needs to be an intimacy between the words, a togetherness that has nothing to do with grammar or syntax but instead has to do with the very shapes and sounds, the forms and contours, of the gathered words.*

   *Repetitions, clarity, authenticity, demonstrative action—all involve the careful use of language, but language is something more than just the sum of these parts.*

Timed Essay Exam - Reading Set B
Topic: Sports and Social Protest
This timed exam will be held on Monday, June 3, at 6:00 PM
This is a sampling of materials included in the reading set. You will be sent a link to the complete reading set after you register.

   *Sports have always been used to promote political movements and encourage specific political outcomes.*

   *Yet, how effective has sport really been in advancing political protest and change? When it comes to the less powerful using sport for protest, states and international sports federations tend to indignantly point to the way that sport should not be used for political purposes.*

3. Coston, Jane. “2 years of NFL protests, explained.”
But though some conservatives viewed Kaepernick’s protest as an expression of free speech, many on the right didn’t see it that way, seeing the protests as an example of the “politicization of sports” or “symbolic of how liberalism has been allowed to spread unchecked through our culture,” and, most importantly, indicative of anti-Americanism run amok, as NFL players “disrespected” the American flag and veterans of the wars fought to protect it.

   
   Despite Kaepernick’s, and others, concerns that his actions might not actually lead to changes in the hearts and minds of people, or in social institutions, he nonetheless sought to demonstrate his power and his agency. In doing so, he showed other black athletes, and other black people, that there is power in the act of protesting.

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Timed Essay Exam Reading Set C

Topic: Invasive Species and the Decline of the Hawaiian Honeycreepers

This timed exam will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM

This is a sampling of materials included in the reading set. You will be sent a link to the complete reading set after you register.

1. Anonymous. “Levels of Taxonomic Classification.”
   
   Biologists classify organisms based on their evolutionary relationships, using a hierarchical system of grouping by shared features.

2. Gurevitch, Jessica and Dianna K. Padilla. “Are invasive species a major cause of extinctions?”
   
   Existing data on causes of extinctions and threats are, in many cases, anecdotal, speculative, or based upon limited field observation. Although it is clear that obtaining quantitative and experimental data are impossible under many circumstances, the problem remains that correlation is too often assumed to imply causation.

3. Szabo, Judit K., Nyril Khwaja, Stephen T. Garnett, Stuart H. M. Butchart. “Global Patterns and Drivers of Avian Extinctions at the Species and Subspecies Level.”
   
   Although the reason for extinction can rarely be pinned to a single cause, extinction most often occurs when new threats develop that are outside the evolutionary experience of species. Naïve island birds that have never encountered humans or their animal companions have been particularly susceptible.

   
   Today, the endemic Hawaiian avifauna faces one of the highest rates of extinction in the world. [...] Reasons for these declines are complex [...] 

Even low densities of infectious mosquitoes appear sufficient to produce high rates of malaria infection in native Hawaiian birds. [...] Reducing the amount of larval habitat for mosquitoes by feral pig management or other alternatives provides one potential strategy to help control malaria impacts and would likely be most beneficial in mid-elevation forests.

Portfolio Reading Set:
Topic: Adolescence, Brain Development, and Legal Culpability
Due on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, No later than 4:00 PM

This is a sampling of materials included in the reading set. You will be sent a link to the complete reading set after you register.


   Since 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court has held four times that the Eighth Amendment requires individuals under eighteen years of age to be sentenced differently from adults.


   Adolescents continue to develop what researchers have termed psychosocial maturity. Psychosocial maturity extends beyond simple cognitive functioning, and instead encompasses more complex processes such as responsibility (e.g., susceptibility to peer influence), perspective (e.g., placing one’s actions in the broader social and temporal contexts), and temperance (e.g., suppressing impulsive behavior and thinking before acting).

3. Roper, Superintendent, Potosi Correctional Center v. Simmons

   Three general differences between juveniles under 18 and adults demonstrate that juvenile offenders cannot with reliability be classified among the worst offenders.

4. Perker, Selen Siringil and Lael Chester. “Emerging Adults: A distinct population that calls for an age-appropriate approach by the justice system.”

   The term “emerging adults,” first coined in 2000 by psychologist Jeffrey Arnett, aptly invokes this critical developmental period: the transition from a child who is dependent on parents or guardians for supervision and guidance into a fully mature, independent adult who engages as a productive and healthy member of society.

5. Lavoie, Denise. “Juvenile parole hearings draw mixed reviews in Massachusetts.”

   After the U.S. Supreme Court and the highest court in Massachusetts found that mandatory sentences of life without the possibility of parole are unconstitutional for juveniles, the state began holding parole hearings for 63 people who had been convicted of first-degree murder as juveniles and ordered to spend the rest of their lives behind bars.