

MID-TERM EXAM INSTRUCTIONS

EXAM STRUCTURE

The exam consists of THREE (3) possible questions. You will complete TWO (2):

- SUBSTANTIVE DEFINITION;
- SIGHT PASSAGE;
- CONCEPT MAP.

Value of mid-term exam: 20% of final grade

$$2 \times 10 = 20$$

SUBSTANTIVE DEFINITIONS

Your answer should include the following:

- a full and accurate definition of the term;
- an explanation/illustration of how the term functions in the work(s) of at least one (1) of the theorists we have looked at so far;
- a discussion of the significance of the term to literary theory.

Be as specific as possible and **concretize** and **illustrate** your discussion with detailed references to the primary texts.

SIGHT PASSAGE

For the following passage, conduct a **detailed close reading**. Do not simply write paraphrase or "plot summary," but rather explain the importance of the passage with regard **to the core questions and concerns of literary theory and of the course so far**. Be sure to **illustrate** your ideas with direct references to the passage in question and to **use and define appropriate terminology**.

CONCEPT MAP

For the concept map illustrated here, you will do the following:

- define its key **terms**;
- explain its key **relationships**;
- explain its **significance** to the **theorist** in particular and to **literary theory** in general. If no theorist is given, choose one to illustrate your discussion.