

University Studies 212C
American Studies: American Pluralism
Sophomore Inquiry: Fall 2005

A Word or Two about the Exams & the Final Portfolio

The exams will be in three parts.

Part I will be based on the readings and class materials and will be handed out in class on Nov 8; it will be due Nov 17.

Part II will be based on the readings and class materials and will be handed out in class on Nov 22; it will be due with the Final Portfolio on Dec 6.

Part III will be based on the student group presentations made on Nov 29 and Dec 1; it will be handed out at the end of the presentations on Dec 1; it will be due with the Final Portfolio on Dec 6.

Your Final Portfolio represents all the work you have been doing throughout the course. In addition to the eight weekly news articles, together with their commentaries (your Weekly Topical Log), your Final Portfolio will include both Part II and Part III exams as well as all of the activities assigned during class, along with whatever notes you have chosen to take or materials you have collected that you would like to include. You will also include your Group Work Evaluation in the portfolio. Finally, you will be asked to include a summarizing statement as a conclusion to your portfolio.

By Nov 22 the materials/exercises handed out in class will include:

- Whadda Ya Think?
- Your Personal Status Set
- Your Own Status Calculus
- "Drawing the Line" Exercise
- Questioning "Eruvs"
- My Family Tree/Background
- What's in a Name: Determining a Person's Social Class
- Reflections in Response to Wounded Knee video
- Things to Think About and Mull Over (on viewing "Goodbye War")
- Black Culture Quiz
- Ordeal at Wausau
- A Test of Faiths

Final Grade Computation

Summarizing the explanation as provided in the syllabus, your Final Grade computation will be based on Exams (26%); Group Class Presentation (26%); Reflective Paper (10%), Presence & Participation (10%); Final Portfolio, including the Weekly Topical Log (22%); Group Class Evaluation and Presentation Assessments (6%). (See the syllabus for more detailed elaboration.)