國立臺灣大學 108 學年度碩士班招生考試試題

科目:美國文學史

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Instructions: The following are two essay questions. Please write in English. Your answers will be assessed on the basis of content, argument, organization, and style. Remember, writing more does not necessarily lead to a higher score. Be succinct and to the point.

- 1. The tension between blacks and whites, whether subtle or obvious, can often be found in the works of American writers. What are the stereotypical racial fears felt by whites and blacks in these works? Please choose two writers' works to illustrate with what literary skills and narratives such kind of tension and the issue of race are represented. (50%)
- 2. Traveling invites us to see the world anew. It provides us with an opportunity to see ourselves from a distance with an unaccustomed perspective. Traveling can sometimes become a quest for the self and thus lead to an individual's search for national and/or cultural belonging. And traveling to other countries, crossing boundaries in search of a place where one could belong can often challenge one's value of "home." Please choose three American writers from different periods and demonstrate how their works present the experience and wisdom gained from traveling. (50%)

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