REVIEW ESSAY

The Review Essay must be 12-15 pages long. So as to enter into current conversations in a particular field of study, the student must discuss three scholarly texts—monographs, essay collections, or significant journal essays/book chapters—that have been published within the previous ten years.

The Review Essay should begin by framing the three texts in a larger scholarly discussion (e.g., drawing on older scholarship in the field), thus reflecting on the shape of a particular field of study. Demonstrating knowledge of a field of study will require reading beyond the three books as preparation.

Students can fulfill some or all of the First Exam’s comprehensive stipulations in the Review Essay by choosing scholarly studies of texts from three different centuries; from the pre-1800 and post-1800 periods; and from two different national traditions.