

In Class Essay February 19, 2008

**Directions:** Read the following prompt and write a two page typed double spaced (minimum) essay. Save your essay to the class shared drive in the folder titled “In Class Essays.” The essay is due by the end of the class period.

**Prompt:** Consider any two of the creation stories we have read and write a compare and contrast essay (See page 193 of *Write for College* for help with this form) which answers at least four of the following questions.

Who are the original beings and what is the primary issue in both accounts?

How or by what mechanism does creation occur?

Who is the creator and what is the nature of the world that was created?

How are the other deities created?

What questions does the story answer?

What relationship is established between god/s and man?

What is the disposition and/or general nature of man once he is created?

Finally, after your comparison is complete, write a conclusion where you tell me what these two creation stories tell us about human nature and our propensity for story telling and mythical creation. Why do humans need an explanation for our creation or our place in the universe and how do these two stories fit into that tradition?