

Final Exam Quotation Guide
ENG 245 Science Fiction (Fall 2025)
Dr. Halbert

QUOTE: "But we have souls only as long as we are more than mere members of society where this psychological side of our being has always created disturbance" (Arendt 305)

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Hannah Arendt TITLE : "Ideology and Terror: A Novel Form of Government" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: pg 305

QUOTE: "Total terror uses the old instrument of tyranny but destroys at the same time also the lawless, fenceless wilderness of fear and suspicion which tyranny leaves behind."

SOURCE: Hannah Arendt TITLE : "Ideology and Terror: A Novel Form of Government"

QUOTE: "Totalitarianism strives not toward despotic rule over men, but toward a system in which men are superfluous."

SOURCE: Hannah Arendt, : "Ideology and Terror: A Novel Form of Government"

QUOTE: "Look here. We're from Earth!" "From where?" she said. "From Earth!" he said. "Where's that?" she said. "From Earth," he cried. "Out of the ground, do you mean?" "No, from the planet Earth!" he almost shouted.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ray Bradbury TITLE : "Mars is Heaven!" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Page 5

QUOTE: Who are we to question what happens? Here we are. What's life, anyways? Who does what for why and where? All we know is here we are, alive again, and no questions asked. A second chance.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ray Bradbury TITLE : "MARS IS HEAVEN!" BOOK/VOL/PAGE#: Page 7

QUOTE: A man doesn't ask too many questions when his mother is suddenly brought back to life; he's much too happy

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ray Bradbury TITLE : "Mars is Heaven!" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: p11

QUOTE: "But you're not thirsty." "Yes, yes, I am." "No, you're not."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ray Bradbury TITLE : "MARS IS HEAVEN!" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE:

QUOTE: Suppose these houses are really some other shapes, a Martian shape, but by playing on my desires and wants, these Martians have made this seem like my old home town, my old house to lull me out of my suspicions?

SOURCE: AUTHOR: Ray Bradbury TITLE: "MARS IS HEAVEN!" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: P11

QUOTE: "No, no." I laughed. So did Brad. And a moment later Cindy joined us. "Laura's speech algorithm is augmented with a Markov generator interspersed with"-Brad gave me the look again. "Basically, she just babbles sentences based on keywords in what she hears."

SOURCE: AUTHOR: Ken Liu TITLE: "The Algorithms for Love" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: P3

QUOTE: I imagine painting the same blades of grass on a thousand teacups a day: the same routine, repeated over and over, with maybe a small break for lunch. Reach out, pick up the cup in front of you with your left hand, dip the brush, one, two, three strokes, put the cup behind you, rinse and repeat.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ken Liu TITLE : "The Algorithms for Love"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Pg. 5

QUOTE: I loved the fact that I knew him so well I could tell what he was going to say before he said it.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ken Liu TITLE : "The Algorithms for Love" BOOK/VOL/PAGE#: Page 5

QUOTE: The human body is a marvel to recreate. The human mind, on the other hand, is a joke.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ken Liu TITLE : "The Algorithms for Love"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Pg. 7

QUOTE: What if our brain cells are just looking up signals from other signals ? What if we are not thinking at all? What if what I'm saying to you now is just a predetermined response, the result of mindless physics?

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ken Liu TITLE : "The Algorithms for Love"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 9

QUOTE: ...then you'll see that the Turing Test will never prove anything, and AI is an illusion. But you can also carry the Chinese Room Argument the other way: substitute 'neurons' for the clerks and substitute the physical laws governing the cascading of activating potentials for the books of rules; then how can any of us ever be said to 'understand' anything? Thought is an illusion.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ken Liu TITLE : The Algorithms for Love" BOOK/VOL/PAGE#
(IF APPLICABLE: 9

QUOTE: She parceled us out to the desperate and sold us to the rich and powerful for their political support. Thus, we were necessities, status symbols, and an independent people.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Octavia E. Butler TITLE : "Bloodchild"

QUOTE: "Finally found out more than you wanted to know, eh?"
I looked at him.
"Don't give me one of her looks," he said. "You're not her. You're just her property."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Octavia E. Butler TITLE : "Bloodchild"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Pg. 7

QUOTE: Sure it is. You weren't supposed to see it, that's all.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Octavia E. Butler TITLE : "Bloodchild" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Page 9

QUOTE: It's good for children to have fun, I think, sir. I know I did when I was a boy. But right now the world needs soldiers. And this is the way to get them.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Orson Scott Card TITLE : "Ender's Game" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE:

QUOTE: I stare at the crucifix that hangs on the cabin wall above the Mark VI Computer, and for the first time in my life I wonder if it is no more than an empty symbol.

SOURCE: Arthur C. Clarke, "The Star".. Page 1

QUOTE: And sinking into the sea, still warm and friendly and life-giving, is the sun that will soon turn traitor and obliterate all this innocent happiness.

SOURCE: Arthur C. Clarke, "The Star".

QUOTE: Whether that race has done good or evil during its lifetime will make no difference in the end: there is no divine justice, for there is no God.

SOURCE: Arthur C. Clarke, "The Star," Pg. 3

QUOTE: But to be destroyed so completely in the full flower of its achievement, leaving no survivors – how could that be reconciled with the mercy of God?

SOURCE: Arthur C. Clarke, "The Star," page four.

QUOTE: Was there any limits to the follies of mankind?

SOURCE: Page 917 The Nine Billion Names of God," Arthur C. Clarke.

QUOTE: Well, they believe that when they have listed all his names – and they reckon that there are about nine billion of them – God's purpose will be achieved. The human race will have finished what it was created to do, and there won't be any reason for us to carry on.

SOURCE: Arthur C. Clarke, "The Nine Billion Names of God" p. 918 - 919

QUOTE: "Look," whispered Chuck, and George lifted his eyes to heaven. (There is always a last time for everything.) Overhead, without any fuss, the stars were going out."

SOURCE: Arthur C. Clarke "The Nine Billion Names of God" Page # 921

QUOTE: How often, or on what system, the Thought Police plugged in on any individual wire guesswork. It was even conceivable that they watched everybody all the time. But at any rate they could plug in your wire whenever they wanted to. You had to live—did live, from habit that became instinct—in the assumption that every sound you made was overheard, and, except in darkness, every movement scrutinized.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : George Orwell TITLE : *Nineteen Eighty-Four* BOOK/VOL/PAGE#
(IF APPLICABLE: Pg. 3

QUOTE: If they chose they could blow the Party to pieces tomorrow morning.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : George Orwell TITLE : *Nineteen Eighty-Four* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF
APPLICABLE: 1984 Pg. 61

QUOTE: "In your case, said O'Brien, 'the worst thing in the world happens to be rats. "

SOURCE: AUTHOR : George Orwell TITLE : *Nineteen Eighty-Four* BOOK/VOL/PAGE#
(IF APPLICABLE: PG 165

QUOTE: The one thing that matters is that we shouldn't betray one another, although even that can't make the slightest difference.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : George Orwell TITLE : *Nineteen Eighty-Four* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Page 170

QUOTE: Doublethink means the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously, and accepting both of them

SOURCE: AUTHOR : George Orwell TITLE : *Nineteen Eighty-Four*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 214

QUOTE: They would have blown his brain to pieces before they could reclaim it. The heretical thought would be unpunished, unrepented, out of their reach for ever. They would have blown a hole in their own perfection. To die hating them, that was freedom.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : George Orwell TITLE : *Nineteen Eighty-Four* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: P281

QUOTE: Big Brother is watching you

SOURCE: AUTHOR : George Orwell TITLE : *Nineteen Eighty-Four*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 287

QUOTE: Intellectually there is very little wrong with you. It is only emotionally that you have failed to make progress.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : George Orwell TITLE : *Nineteen Eighty-Four* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Page 292

QUOTE: The white wings too are prescribed issue; they are to keep us from seeing, but also from being seen.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Margaret Atwood TITLE : *The Handmaid's Tale* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Page 8

QUOTE: Why tempt her to friendship?

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Margaret Atwood TITLE : *The Handmaid's Tale*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *The Handmaid's Tale* Pg. 11

QUOTE: There is more than one kind of freedom, said Aunt Lydia. Freedom to and freedom from. In the days of anarchy, it was freedom to. Now you are being given freedom from. Don't underrate it.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Margaret Atwood TITLE : *The Handmaid's Tale*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: P24

QUOTE: If it's a story I'm telling, then I have control over the ending...
But if it's a story, even in my head, I must be telling it to someone.
You don't tell a story only to yourself. There's always someone else. Even when there is no one.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Margaret Atwood TITLE : *The Handmaid's Tale*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: P39

QUOTE: "It's not the husbands you have to watch out for, said Aunt Lydia, it's the Wives. You should always try to imagine what they must be feeling. Of course they will resent you. It is only natural. Try to feel for them." (Atwood 46)

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Margaret Atwood TITLE : *The Handmaid's Tale* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: pg 46

QUOTE: This is supposed to signify that we are one flesh, one being.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Margaret Atwood TITLE : *The Handmaid's Tale* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Page 94

QUOTE: "At the hospital they wrote down "Aged Primipara" on the chart, I caught them in the act. "

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Margaret Atwood TITLE : *The Handmaid's Tale*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: PG 120

QUOTE: But that's where I am, there's no escaping it. Time's a trap, I'm caught in it. I must forget about my secret name and all ways back. My name is Offred now, and here is where I live

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Margaret Atwood TITLE : *The Handmaid's Tale*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 143

QUOTE: I want to go to bed, make love, right now.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Margaret Atwood TITLE : *The Handmaid's Tale*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 281

QUOTE: "I could go to the Commander, fall on the floor, my hair dishevelled, as they say, grab him around the knees, confess, weep, implore. Nolite te bastardes carborundorum, I could say."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Margaret Atwood TITLE : *The Handmaid's Tale*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: PG 283

QUOTE: The Accumulated filth of all their sex and murder will foam up about their waists and all the whores and politicians will look up and shout, "Save Us!" ...and I'll look down and whisper, "no."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Alan Moore, Dave Gibbons TITLE : *Watchmen*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Pg. 10

QUOTE: How can anyone tell if he's gone crazy?

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Alan Moore TITLE : *Watchmen* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *Watchmen* 3; ch.. 11

QUOTE: Blake's different. He understands perfectly... and he doesn't care

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Alan Moore, Dave Gibbons TITLE : *Watchmen*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 129

QUOTE: "None of you understand. I'm not locked up in here with you. You're locked up here with me."

SOURCE: AUTHOR: Alan Moore, Dave Gibbons TITLE: *Watchmen*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE#: 191

QUOTE: We're all puppets, Laurie. I'm just a puppet who can see the strings.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Alan Moore, Dave Gibbons TITLE : *Watchmen*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Pg. 285

QUOTE: This is too **big** to be hard-assed about! We have to compromise...

No. Not even in the face of Armageddon. Never compromise.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Alan Moore, Dave Gibbons
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: P402

TITLE : *Watchmen*

QUOTE: Far out in the uncharted backwaters of the un-fashionable end of the Western Spiral arm of the Galaxy lies a small unregarded yellow sun. Orbiting this is an utterly insignificant little blue-green planet whose ape-descended life forms are so amazingly primitive that they still think digital watches are a pretty neat idea

SOURCE: Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to The Galaxy*, P1

QUOTE: How would you react if I said I'm not from Guildford after all, but from a small planet somewhere in the vicinity of Betelgeuse?

SOURCE: Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, Pg. 23

QUOTE: Arthur smiled at him wanly and shrugged again. He turned and smiled wanly at the rest of the pub just in case any of them had heard what was going on. None of them had, and none of them could understand what he was smiling at them for.

SOURCE: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, Chapter 2, by Douglas Adams

QUOTE: How can anyone maintain a positive mental attitude if you're saying things like that?

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Douglass Adams TITLE : *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* Pg. 48

QUOTE: "I think you ought to know I'm feeling very depressed" it said. Its voice was low and hopeless

SOURCE: Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, P91

QUOTE: "Many people have speculated that if we knew exactly why the bowl of petunias had thought that we would know a lot more about the nature of the Universe than we do now."

SOURCE: Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, pg. 91

QUOTE: The last ever dolphin message was misinterpreted as a surprisingly sophisticated attempt to do a double-backward somersault through a hoop while whistling the "star-spangled Banner," but in fact the message was this: *So long and thanks for all the fish.*

SOURCE: Douglas Adam. *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. P156

QUOTE: We'll take a quick bite at the Restaurant at the end of the Universe.

SOURCE: Douglas Adams. *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy*. P216

QUOTE: I am most commonly known as a "borrowed ladder." Or a "de-gene-erate."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Andrew Niccol
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE:

TITLE : *Gattaca*

QUOTE: "They used to say that a child conceived in love has a greater chance of happiness. They don't say that anymore."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Andrew Niccol TITLE : *Gattaca*

QUOTE: "There is no gene for the human spirit."

SOURCE: *Gattaca* (1997), directed by Andrew Niccol

QUOTE: You're the authority on what is not possible, aren't you Irene? They've got you looking for any flaw, and after a while that's all you see.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Andrew Niccol TITLE : *Gattaca* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: N/A

QUOTE: "You want to know how I did it? This is how I did it. "I never saved anything for the swim back."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Andrew Niccol TITLE : *Gattaca* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE:

QUOTE: "In the shooter hypothesis, a good marksman shoots at a target, creating a hole every ten centimeters. Now suppose the surface of the target is inhabited by intelligent, two-dimensional creatures. Their scientists, after observing the universe, discover a great law: "There exists a hole in the universe every ten centimeters." They have mistaken the result of the marksman's momentary whim for an unalterable law of the universe. The farmer hypothesis, on the other hand, has the flavor of a horror story: Every morning on a turkey farm, the farmer comes to feed the turkeys. A scientist turkey, having observed this pattern to hold without change for almost a year, makes the following discovery: "Every morning at eleven, food arrives." On the morning of Thanksgiving, the scientist announces this law to the other turkeys. But that morning at eleven, food doesn't arrive; instead, the farmer comes and kills the entire flock."

SOURCE: Liu Cixin, **The Three-Body Problem**

QUOTE: "Is it possible that the relationship between humanity and evil is similar to the relationship between the ocean and an iceberg floating on its surface? Both the ocean and the iceberg are made of the same material. That the iceberg seems separate is only because it is in a different form. In reality, it is but a part of the vast ocean...."

SOURCE: Liu Cixin, **The Three-Body Problem**

QUOTE: "Every era puts invisible shackles on those who have lived through it, and I can only dance in my chains."

SOURCE: Liu Cixin, **The Three-Body Problem**