

Final Exam Potential Quotations List
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The following quotes were submitted by the class as candidates for the exam. The ten quotes on the exam will come from this list. You will need to identify the author, the title, and give an explanation of the significance of five of them. If you can identify the author and title of other quotes, you may do so for extra credit.

QUOTE: 'Twas mercy brought me from my *Pagan* land,/ Taught my benighted sold to understand/ That there's a G-d, that there's a *Saviour* too:

SOURCE: Phillis Wheatley, *On Being Brought from Africa to America*, Vol. A. Page 1036.

QUOTE: Search not the book called scripture, which any human hand might make, but the scripture called the Creation...

SOURCE: Thomas Paine. "Age of Reason" Pg. 1007.

QUOTE: He has compelled her to submit to laws, in the formation of which she has no voice. He has withheld from her rights which are given to the most ignorant and degraded men...He as made her, if married, in the eye of the law, civilly dead.

SOURCE: Elizabeth Cady Stanton. "Declaration of Sentiments" Pg. 2270

QUOTE: *They* were not willing to be governed by laws which *they* had no voice in making; but this is the way in which women are governed in this Republic.

SOURCE: Angelina Grimke. "Letters to Catherine Beecher" P2245

QUOTE: the fact that women are denied the right of voting for members on Congress, is but a poor reason why they should also be deprived of the right of petition...the very least that can be done is to give them the right of petition in all cases whatsoever; and without any abridgement. If not, they are mere slaves, known only through their masters.

SOURCE: Angelina Grimke, From Letters to Catherine Beecher, P 2245

QUOTE: Women, instead of being regarded as the equal of man, has uniformly been looked down upon as his inferior, a mere gift to fill up the measure of his happiness.

SOURCE: Letters to Catherine Beecher. Angelina Grimke, Vol B. Pg. 2246

QUOTE: They seldom think that men will be allured by intellectual acquirements, because they find, that where any mental superiority exists, a woman is generally shunned and regarded as stepping out of her "appropriate spheres" which, in their view, is to dress, to dance, to set out to the best possible advantage her person, to read the novels which inundate the press, and which do more to destroy her character as a rational creature, than anything else.

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimké *Letters on the Equality of the Sexes, and the Condition of Woman* Vol. B Pg. 2238

QUOTE: Let no one think, from these remarks, that I regard a knowledge of housewifery as beneath the acquisition of women.

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimké. "Letters on the Equality of the Sexes, and the Condition of Women" P2239

QUOTE: In those employments which are peculiar to women, their time is estimated at only half the value of that of men.

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimké, "Letters on the Equality of the Sexes, and the Condition of Women", P2239

QUOTE: To the female character among our black population, we cannot allude but with feelings of the bitterest shame. A similar condition of moral pollution and utter disregard of a pure and virtuous reputation, is to be found *only without the pale of Christendom*.

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimké. *Letters on the Equality of the Sexes...* (Vol. B - pg. 2240)

QUOTE: "...I believe (men) would be "partakers of the benefit" resulting from the Equality of the Sexes, and would find that woman as their equal, was unspeakably more valuable than woman as their inferior, both as moral and an intellectual being."

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimké "*from* Letters on the Equality of the Sexes, and the Condition of Woman" P2085

QUOTE: All I complain of is, that our education consists so almost exclusively in culinary and other manual operations.

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimké. "*from* Letters on the Equality of the Sexes, and the Condition of Woman" Vol. B. p. 2239

QUOTE: when finally it occurred to me that the pocket might need mending; so I turned it inside out, and what do you think I found? A love-letter from him to my dress-maker!! I dropped the coat, I dropped the work-basket, I dropped the buttons, I dropped the baby (it was a *female*, and I thought it just as well to put her out of future misery) and then I hopped up into a chair in front of the looking-glass, and remarked to the young woman I saw there,...

SOURCE: Fanny Fern, *Hints to Young Wives*, pg. 2258.

QUOTE: "FOURTH OF JULY." Well – I don't feel patriotic. Perhaps I might if they would stop that deafening racket. Washington was very well, if he *couldn't* spell, and I'm glad we are all free; but as a woman – I shouldn't know it, didn't some orator tell me.

SOURCE: Fanny Fern. "Independence" P2264

QUOTE: ...I'm glad we are all free; but as a woman – I shouldn't know it, didn't some orator tell me.

SOURCE: Fanny Fern, "Independence" p.2264

QUOTE: Can I *even* be President? Bah—you know I can't. "*Free!*" Humph!

SOURCE: Fern. Independence (P. 2264).

QUOTE: Everybody knows what an everlasting drizzle of rain we have had lately, but nobody but a woman, and a woman who lives on fresh air and out-door exercise, knows the thralldom of taking her daily walk through a three weeks' rain, with skirts to hold up, and umbrella to hold down, and puddles to skip over...

SOURCE: Fanny Fern, *A Law More Nice Than Just*, Vol. B. Page 2262.

QUOTE: ...and after rolling up his sleeves, he commended to lay on the heavy cowskin, and soon the warm, red blood (amid heart- rending shrieks from her, and horrid oaths from him) came dripping to the floor.

SOURCE: Fredrick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*, pg. 2048.

QUOTE: Mr. Gore then, without consultation or deliberation with any one, not even giving Demby an additional call, raised his musket to his face, taking deadly aim at his standing victim, and in an instant poor Demby was no more. His mangled body sank out of sight, and blood and brains marked the water where he had stood.

SOURCE: Fredrick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*, pg. 2055.

QUOTE: I prefer to be true to myself, even at the hazard of incurring the ridicule of others, rather than to be false, and incur my own abhorrence.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave* p.2058-9

QUOTE: If you give a nigger an inch, he will take an ell. A nigger should know nothing but to obey his master—to do as he is told to do. Learning would spoil the best nigger in the world. Now... if you teach that nigger (speaking of myself) how to read, there would be no keeping him. It would forever unfit him to be a slave. He would at once become unmanageable, and of no value to his master. As to himself, it could do him no good, but a great deal of harm. It would make him discontented and unhappy.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass. Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave (P. 2059).

QUOTE: The more I read, the more I was led to abhor and detest my enslavers. I could regard them more I read, the more I was led to abhor and detest my enslaver.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, P2062

QUOTE: After that, when I met with any boy who I knew could write, I would tell him I could write as well as he.

SOURCE: Fredrick Douglass Chapter 7, P 2063

QUOTE: Hearing the word in this connection very often, I set about learning what it meant. The dictionary afforded me little or no help. I found it was "the act of abolishing;" but then I did not know what was to be abolished. Here I was perplexed. I did not dare to ask any one about its meaning, for I was satisfied that it was something they wanted me to know very little about.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*, pg. 2064.

QUOTE: Mr. Covey enjoyed the most unbounded reputation for being a first-rate overseer and negro-breaker. It was of considerable importance to him. That reputation was at stake; and had he sent me—a boy about sixteen years old—to the public whipping-post, his reputation would have been lost; so, to save his reputation, he suffered me to go unpunished

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass. Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave (P. 2077).

QUOTE: This battle with Mr. Covey was the turning-point in my career....

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*, Vol. B. Page 2077.

QUOTE: The truth was, that he had not whipped me at all. I considered him as getting entirely the worst end of the bargain; for he had drawn no blood from me, but I had from him.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass. Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave. Vol. B. p. 2077

QUOTE: These dear souls came not to Sabbath school because it was popular to do so, nor did I teach them because it was reputable to be thus engaged. Every moment they spent in that school, they were liable to be taken up, and given thirty-nine lashes. They came because they wished to learn.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass. Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave. Vol. B. p. 2081

QUOTE: They'll read and sing a sacred song/ And make a prayer both loud and long/ And teach the right and do the wrong/ Hailing the brother, sister throng/ With words of heavenly union.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave Pg. 2100

QUOTE: Every man's condition is a solution in hieroglyphic to those inquiries he would put.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Nature* p.1707

QUOTE: Nature never wears a mean appearance.

SOURCE: *Nature*. Ralph Waldo Emerson. Vol B. Pg. 1708

QUOTE: I am the lover of uncontained and immortal beauty. In the wilderness, I find something more dear and connate than in streets or villages. In the tranquil landscape, and especially in the distant line of the horizon, man beholds somewhat as beautiful as his own nature.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, Chapter 1 *Nature*, P 1709

QUOTE: In the woods, we return to reason and faith. There I feel that nothing can befall me in life,--no disgrace, no calamity, (leaving me my eyes), which nature cannot repair.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson *Nature* Vol. B pg. 1709

QUOTE: The sun illuminates only the eye of the man, but shines into the eye and the heart of the child.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson. *Nature*. Vol. B. p. 1709

QUOTE: And as the eye is the best composer, so light is the first of painters. There is no object so foul that intense light will not make beautiful.

SOURCE: Waldo Emerson. "Beauty" Pg. 1711

QUOTE: Even the corpse hath its own beauty.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Nature: Beauty*, pg. 1711.

QUOTE: Indeed the river is a perpetual gala, and boasts each month a new ornament.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson. *Beauty*. Vol. B. p. 1712

QUOTE: The intellect searches out the absolute order of things as they stand in the mind of God, and without the colors of affection. The intellectual and the active powers seem to succeed each other.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson. *Nature*, Chapter III: Beauty (Vol. B - pg. 1713)

QUOTE: There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better, for worse, as his portion; that though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given to him to till.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson. *Self-Reliance*. Vol. B. p. 1747

QUOTE: A man should learn to detect and watch that gleam of light which flashes across his mind from within, more than the luster of the firmament of bards and sages. Yet he dismisses without notice his thought, because it is his.

SOURCE: Emerson *Self-Reliance* Vol. B Pg. 1747

QUOTE: Great men have always done so and confided themselves childlike to genius of their age, betraying their perception that the absolutely trustworthy was seated in their heart, working through their hands, predominating in all their being.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Self – Reliance", P1747

QUOTE: A man is relieved and gay when he has put his heart into his work and done his best; but what he has said or done otherwise, shall give him no peace. It is deliverance which does not deliver.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson. *Self-Reliance* (Vol. B - pg. 1747)

QUOTE: "...but if I am the Devil's child, I will live then from the Devil." No law can be sacred to me but that of my nature. Good and bad are but names very readily transferable to that or this; the only right is what is after my constitution, the only wrong what is against it.

SOURCE: Emerson, *Self-Reliance* p.1749

QUOTE: What I must do, is all that concerns me, not what the people think. This rule, equally arduous in actual and in intellectual life, may serve for the whole distinction between greatness and meanness. It is harder, because you will always find those who think they know what is your duty better than you know it.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson. *Self-Reliance*. P1750

QUOTE: I heartily accept the motto, -- "That government is best which governs least"

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau. "Resistance to Civil Government" P1862

QUOTE: "Let every man make known what kind of government would command his respect, and that will be one step toward obtaining it."

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau, "Resistance to Civil Government", P1739

QUOTE: "The character inherent in American people has done all that has been accomplished; and it would have done somewhat more, if the government had not sometimes got in the way.

SOURCE: Henry Thoreau, "Resistance to Civil Government", P1863

QUOTE: There are thousands who are *in opinion* opposed to slavery and to the war, who yet in effect do nothing to put an end to them

SOURCE: Resistance to Civil Government. Henry David Thoreau. Vol B. Pg. 1865

QUOTE: If you are cheated out of a single dollar by your neighbor, you do not rest satisfied knowing that you are cheated, or with saying that you are cheated, or even with petitioning him to pay you your due; but you take effectual steps at once to obtain the full amount, and see that you are never cheated again.

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau. Resistance to Civil Government (Vol. B - pg. 1867)

QUOTE: Why does it not encourage its citizens to be on the alert to point out its faults, and *do* better than it would have them?

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau, "Resistance to Civil Government" p.1867

QUOTE: I have paid no poll-tax for six years. I was put into jail once on this account, for one night; and, as I stood considering the walls of solid stone, two or three feet thick, the door of wood and iron, a foot thick, and the iron grating which strained the light, I could not help being struck with foolishness of that institution which treated me as if I were mere flesh and blood and bones, to be locked up.

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau *Resistance to Civil Government* Vol. B Pg. 1871

QUOTE: I was not born to be forced. I will breathe after my own fashion. Let us see who is the strongest.

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau. "Resistance to Civil Government". Pg. 1871

QUOTE: "...nothing being necessary to the establishment of this fact, but simply to prove that (America) was totally uninhabited by man. This would at first appear to be a point of some difficulty, for it is well known, that this quarter of the world abounded with certain animals, that walked erect on two feet, (and) had something of the human countenance..."

SOURCE: Washington Irving, "A History of New York"

QUOTE: And even that mask was allowed to avail them but little, for it was soon found that they were of a hideous copper complexion- and being of a copper complexion, it was all the same as if they were negroes- and negroes are black... "is the colour of the Devil!"

SOURCE: Washington Irving. *A History of New York*, Chapter 5. Pg. 2303.

QUOTE: Nor did the other methods of civilization remain unenforced. The Indians improved daily and wonderfully by their intercourse with the whites. They took to drinking rum, and making bargains. They learned to cheat, to lie, to swear, to gamble, to quarrel, to cut each other's throats, in short, to excel in all the accomplishments that had originally marked the superiority of their Christian visitors.

SOURCE: Washington Irving *A History of New York* Vol. B Pg. 2305

QUOTE: The new comers therefore used every method, to induce them to embrace and practice the true religion – except that of setting them the example.

SOURCE: Washington Irving, "A History of New York" p.2305

QUOTE: The airth had actually friz fast on her axes, and couldn't turn round; the sun had got jammed between two cakes o' ice under the wheels, an' that he had been shinin' an' workin' to get loose till he friz fast in his cold sweat.

SOURCE: Davy Crockett, *Sunrise in His Pocket*, Vol. B. Page 2280.

QUOTE: so I began to talk to the varmint, and telled him to help me get my head out, like a man, and I would give him five dollars before I killed him.

SOURCE: Davy Crockett, *A Pretty Predicament*, P 2280

QUOTE: I'm half wild horse and half cock-eyed alligator and the o' me is crooked snags an' red-hot snappin' turtle.

SOURCE: Mike Fink: "Mike Fink's Brag" 2283

QUOTE: Passion there was none. I loved the old man. He had never wronged me.

SOURCE: Edgar Allen Poe *The Tell-Tale Heart* (pg 2517)

QUOTE: He had the eye of a vulture—a bale blue eye, with a film over it. Whenever it fell upon me, my blood ran cold; and so by degrees—very gradually—I made up my mind to take the life of the old man and thus rid myself of the eye forever.

SOURCE: Edgar Allen Poe, *The Tell-Tale Heart*, Vol. B. Page 2517.

QUOTE: It took me an hour to place my whole head within the opening so far that I could see him as he lay upon his bed.

SOURCE: Edgar Allen Poe, *The Tell-Tale Heart*, pg. 2517.

QUOTE: And this I did for seven long nights-- every night just at midnight.

SOURCE: "The Tell-Tale Heart." Edgar Allen Poe. Vol B. Pg. 2517

QUOTE: "If still you think me mad, you will think so no longer when I describe the wise precautions I took for the concealment of the body...First of all I dismembered the corpse."

SOURCE: Edgar Allen Poe, "The Tell-Tale Heart", P2494

QUOTE: I then took up three planks from the flooring of the chamber, and deposited all between the scantlings. I then replaced the boards so cleverly, so cunningly, that no human eye—not even *his*—could have detected any thing wrong. There was nothing to wash out—no stain of any kind—no blood- spot whatever. I had been too wary for that. A tub had caught all—ha!ha!

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe, The Tell Tale Heart, P 2519

QUOTE: I could bear those hypocritical smiles no longer! I felt that I must scream or die! and now-- again!-hark! louder! louder! louder! *louder!*

SOURCE: Edgar Allen Poe "The Tell-Tale Heart" Vol. B Pg. 2520

QUOTE: And this maiden she lived with no other thought/ Than to love and be loved by me.

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe, *Annabel Lee*, Vol. B. Page 2570.

QUOTE: With a love that the winged seraphs of heaven/ Coveted her and me.

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe. *Annabel Lee*. Vol. B. p. 2571

QUOTE: And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side/ Of my darling—my darling—my life and my bride,/ In the sepulcher there by the sea--/ In her tomb by the sounding sea.

SOURCE: Poe. *Annabel Lee* (P. 2571)

QUOTE: Sitting lonely on the placid bust, spoke only/ That one word, as if his soul in that one word he did outpour.

SOURCE: Edgar Allen Poe. *The Raven*. (Vol. B - pg. 2519)

QUOTE: The pallor of his countenance had assumed, if possible, a more ghastly hue – but the luminousness of his eye had utterly gone out.

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe, "The Fall of the House of Usher" p.2506