Humanities 3
Lyon—Fall 2017

Essay 2

Essays are due at the beginning of lecture on Monday, November 20th. The essay should be a minimum of 5 full pages in length (no more than 7) in the Humanities format* and a counterargument is required.

Respond to one of the following prompts:

1. Upset by the shipwreck Prospero causes at the start of the play, Miranda says, “If by your art, my dearest father, you have / Put the wild waters in this roar, allay them. / [...] / O, I have suffered / With those that I saw suffer!” (1.2.1-6). According to Montaigne and Shakespeare, what role should empathy play in governing our lives?

2. Shakespeare takes Gonzalo’s speech in The Tempest (2.1.143-168) almost verbatim from Montaigne’s essay “On the cannibals” (84). What role do these speeches play in the authors’ perspective on the relationship between human nature and society?

3. Agree or disagree with the following claim: Montaigne’s view on the individual is simply a secularized version of Luther’s Christian freedom.

Submit a paper copy of your essay to your TA in a plain manila folder with your name on it. Include all your previous Humanities papers in the folder. Before submitting a paper copy at lecture, you must submit an electronic copy to www.turnitin.com for text-similarity review.

Late essays. One day late is -10% (one letter grade). Two days late, -20% (two letter grades). Essays will not be accepted after two days.

*See “Mechanics: Formatting & Submitting a Humanities Essay” in the Humanities Program Writing Handbook