

**Hum 3**  
**Spring 2010**  
**Essay 1**

**Length:** 3-5 pages, typed and double-spaced

Use MLA format.

**Topics:** Choose ONE of the following:

1. Write an essay in which you compare Heloise's love for Abelard with the "courtly love" described by Andreas Capellanus.
2. Choose a significant point of disagreement between Montaigne and Andreas Capellanus and write an essay in which you explain and analyze that disagreement. To be successful with this topic the disagreement you choose must be significant; i.e., it should somehow help us understand the essential difference between their approaches to love, marriage, sex, etc.
3. Write an essay in which you explain and analyze the relationship between Lancelot's "heart" and his body. Or, put another way, what role does Lancelot's body play in the expression of his love?
4. Compare the role of suffering in Julian's *Revelations* with notions of suffering from the "courtly love" tradition.
5. Compare Andreas Capellanus' understanding of love (and sex) with Heloise's (or Abelard's).

**Tips:**

Make sure you have narrowed down your topic to a specific question that you can answer in five pages.

Make sure the issue you raise is significant; i.e., avoid superficial and/or summary comparisons.

Present both your question and your thesis in the first paragraph.

Make sure all of your claims are supported with appropriate textual evidence.