

# **M.A. Comprehensive Exam Statement of Expectations English Education**

## **Statement of Expectations:**

Since each question on the exam refers to specific works in the list of required readings, the examinee's representations of these readings need to be accurate to reveal a strong familiarity with the texts.

Each question on the exam frames a problem, so the writer needs to represent that problem succinctly and take a position or express a general response. Each question on the exam suggests a conversation between writers among the required readings or prompts the examinee to apply expressed principles to the teaching of a work of literature.

The examinee, then, should connect texts in the response. The examinee needs to develop a response thoroughly through a series of connected and logical arguments that include ample support and elaboration. The clarity and precision of the response should reveal evidence that the examinee proofread and edited the response.