

Midterm Study Guide: English 4400
Fall 2018
(This List of Information Is Not All Inclusive)

Terms and Historical Context

Orientalism	Magical Realism
Double-Consciousness	The Great Migration
Essentialism	Crazy Snake Rebellion
Assimilation	1924 Immigration Act
1830 Indian Removal Act	1965 Immigration and Nationality Act
Dawes Act of 1887	Transcontinental Railroad
Wounded Knee	Tradition
Treaty of 1832	Colonialism
American Nativity	Crazy Snake Rebellion
Ghost Dance	1978 Child Welfare Act
1934 Indian Re-Organization Act	Shamans/Medicine Men
Sovereignty	Two Spirit People
Post-Apocalyptic Sense of History/Time	Crazy Horse
Upper World	Nostalgia
Lower World	Janissaries
Balance	9/11
Tie Snake	
Accretive Narration	

Themes

Visions and Dreams
Gender and Patriarchy
Homosexuality vs. Heteronormativity
Questionable Female Sexuality
Christianity vs. Tradition Belief Systems
Nature
Voice and Voicelessness
Community vs. Individuality
Defining Americanness
Assimilation vs. Cultural Degeneration
Orality/ Power of the Spoken Word
The Sacred vs. The Secular
Narrative Shifts
Water/Fire Purifying or Destructive or Empowering
Ghosts or Ghost Worlds
What is terrorism?
Individuality vs. Collectivity

Reminders

- Make sure that you review your notes for any characters, both primary and minor, who we have discussed at length.
- The themes section of the study guide refers to both themes and ideas in the text that we explored in depth.
- Pay attention to your notes on the authors and their approach to literature.
- Success on this test depends on your ability to demonstrate that you have read the texts, that you understand the texts, that you have paid attention during lectures, and that you are able to connect the ideas that we have discussed to different text.