

# WISDOM: THE LITERATURE OF AUTHORITY

LTWL 129: FALL 2008

## FINAL EXAM

Please choose either Prompt A or Prompt B.

**Prompt A:** Write a short essay (approximately 500 words) entitled, "My Wisest Moment." This should not just relate an anecdote from your life. It should also contain an explanation for why this moment was *wise*. In other words, the prompt for the final paper asked you to present a general theory of wisdom. This prompt asks you to apply that theory to your own life.

**Prompt B:** Write a short essay (approximately 500 words) entitled, "Charlie the Unicorn: A Wise Film." Watch the Charlie the Unicorn; you'll probably want to do so more than once: <http://www.filmcow.com/charlietheunicorn.html> Do you find this film wise? If the answer is no, do prompt A instead. If the answer is yes, explain why you find it wise. The prompt for the final paper asked you to present a general theory of wisdom. This exam asks you to apply that theory to Charlie the Unicorn.

Send me your answer by email. I would prefer if you can cut and paste it directly into an email message. But if you feel the need to submit your essay as an attachment, that too is acceptable.

I will not print out your essay, so make sure that you keep a copy for yourself.

You may send me the final exam whenever you want, as long as I received it before midnight of **Friday, December 12**. If I do not receive it on or before that day, I will send you a reminder on December 13. Email **does** get lost sometimes. So even if you send the essay, please check the email in your UCSD account (yourname@ucsd.edu) on December 13.

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