

Hum 4 Enlightenment, Romanticism, Revolution Professor Eric Watkins  
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First Paper Topic

Answer one of the following questions.

1. One could argue that Goethe and Rousseau view society in very similar terms, namely as corrupt and artificial. To what extent does Werther's suicide undo or reinforce this putative similarity?
2. To what extent does Kant's concept of autonomy find an echo or parallel in Rousseau's social contract?
3. To what extent would Werther find Pope's views on man and nature congenial or antithetical to his own views?
4. To what extent would Rousseau agree with Lessing's views on religion?

Essays must be 5-7 pages long. Hard copies are due at the beginning of class on Monday, March 1.

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