**The Essay Exam Unit**

For this unit, we will critically read and discuss a number of articles on literacy, education, and power. We will also learn and practice strategies for writing a successful essay exam— a type of test that is very common in the college classroom. We will read carefully, work together in groups to create and present a multimodal study guide, practice essay exam strategies, and take an essay exam on the readings for the unit.

In this unit you will:

* Practice critical reading strategies, including annotation and note-taking
* Discuss and ask questions about our assigned articles
* Work in a group to plan and present a multimodal study guide on one of the articles
* Practice strategies for reading essay exam questions, planning, and writing a successful timed essay
* Practice strategies for studying in preparation for an exam
* Take an essay exam on the readings we have studied

You will take many essay exams, for a wide range of classes at Eastern; after completing this unit, you should be able to strategically approach and successfully complete essay exams for any class.

**Reading Assignments for This Unit:**

* *They Say, I Say* chapters 1 and 12
* *The Little Seagull Handbook* section W-6
* 4-5 essays that will be available for you to print from Canvas (or to access in *EAA*)

**Homework and/or Graded Assignments for This Unit:**

* Quiz on Key Words and the Six Steps of successful essay taking
* In-class practice essay exam
* Supplemental Work (one in- or out-of class writing assignment such as questions from the textbook readings, responses to readings, freewriting, reflections, discussion board posts, summarizing or quoting exercises, etc., as appropriate)
* Collaboratively Produced Multimodal Presentation and Study Guide
* In-class Essay Exam