**American Rhetoric Final Exam Essay**

Eligible for Exemption: 80% or higher

High Pass: additional 3% to overall grade

Pass: no grade change

Fail: minus 5% in overall grade

*Students must attend the working class periods designated for writing the essay in order to be eligible to submit their essay. Submitting no final essay when one is ineligible for exemption constitutes failure of the course.*

**Writing prompt:**Based on the readings below, identify, describe, and defend a position on this question: To what extent does the responsibility of vaccination decisions fall on the shoulders of public policy makers vs. private citizens?

**Choose two of the following texts to include (you may choose all five):**

1. “Moral Considerations Considering the New Covid-19 Vaccines” by Kevin C. Rhoades and Joseph F. Naumann
2. “Go Big and Go Fast — Vaccine Refusal and Disease Eradication” by Saad B. Omer et al.
3. “Civil liberties during the COVID-19 Pandemic” **by Marcella Alsan et al.**
4. “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Vaccines” by Howard Markel

1. “Is Mandatory Vaccination Legal in Time of Epidemic?” by Sarah Fujiwara

You may use additional sources if you would like. Any such sources must be properly cited.

**Guidelines**:

* Use APA formatting.
* Write a minimum (full) 3, maximum 4-page paper (not including the title page and the references page).
* Use formal writing mechanics (grammar, punctuation, and syntax).
* Use a traditional essay structure [an introduction (culminating in a thesis), body, and conclusion].
* The standard 100-point rubric serves as the guide for successful composition of this essay.

This is an independent assignment. You may not receive feedback or advice from your professor, the writing center, classmates, friends, family, previous teachers, etc. Please remember the honor code of College of the Ozarks.

**Due Date:** Submit an electronic copy of your paper to Campusweb between 8:00 p.m. Sunday, May 2, and 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 3. Submit a hard copy to Jones Faculty Services between 10:00-10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 3. Late submissions will not be accepted.