**Essay 3: The Psychology of Romance**

**In class essay on 2/23**

A one-page outline is required. Please write it in advance and bring it to the exam.

**Topics (choose one):**

1. “Baba and Daddy Gus” describes an unconventional marriage that the author claims was nonetheless successful. Do you find this marriage a positive model? Why or why not?
2. What lessons about love and gender are indirectly taught in the story “Cinderella”?
3. The essay “Don’t Talk to a Man First” argues that women must allow a man to show interest before she does. To what extent do you agree with this idea and why? What gender assumptions are imbedded in this idea?
4. In “The Brain on Love” Benedict Carey argues that the feelings associated with romance can be explained biologically. Do you find this argument convincing? Why or why not?

**Organization**:

In the introduction, provide an interesting lead-in, name the article title (in quotation marks), author, and give the basic scenario of the article (2-3 sentences). Your thesis should directly answer the essay question and offer a main reason WHY you see the issue as you do.

Each body paragraph that follows (about 3 of them) should try to prove why your response to the article makes sense and is based on evidence and examples. You must use at least three quotes, and “sandwich” your quotes. You may use one or two additional examples from your own experience if relevant, but focus your essay on the article or story. Give some context before you present an example or quote and explain the meaning of all examples.

The conclusion should provide closure using one of the strategies we have learned and avoid repeating.

* Stay calm and follow your outline; you have the whole class meeting to do this.
* You can put important vocabulary in your outline so you don’t have to search for words.
* You can use the book and a paper dictionary.
* Proofread before you turn it in

No internet, no email, no notes besides your outline and your book, no electronic dictionaries.