English First Peoples 11/12- Exam Preparation

Think about the literature (novels, stories, poems) that we have studied in class. Write down examples related to the following topics from what we have studied to help you prepare for your final exam.

The following is a list of literature you may have studied in class over the years, however if you know other first nations authors works that you can refer to you can do this as well. These can be ones you have learned in other classes or previous years as well. This is not an exhaustive list and some items may have been missed.

* Keeper ‘n me (Provincial exam- one of required choices)
* Monkey Beach (Provincial exam- one of required choices)
* Smoke signals(Provincial exam- one of required choices)
* Rabbit Proof Fence(Provincial exam- one of required choices)
* Whale Rider (Provincial exam- one of required choices)
* The Truth About Stories (Provincial exam- one of required choices)
* Hank Williams First Nation (Provincial exam- one of required choices)
* Absolute True Diary of a Part Time Indian
* Stories-Pretty Like a White Boy (Drew Hayden Taylor), Indian Education (Sherman Alexie) “The Hockey Game”, “Charlie”, “We Missed the Bus” “Our stories-The roots that bind us”- (Voices under One sky)
* Poems- Monster, Lament for Confederation, poems you did for your poetry projects or that other people did, Spoken word poems

Themes to consider

1. Connection to the natural world (land/animals/nature/seasons)
2. Sense of belonging/importance of family and community/sense identity(who a person is and where they belong)
3. Relationship with the spirit world and spirituality/dreams and visions/sacred rituals/learning/Rites of passage/ Protocol/oral tradition
4. Resilience and healing/well being/Grief and loss/anger and rage/love and hate/Addiction/Abuse
5. History and colonization (impact of Christianity/institutionalization)- ie residential schools/reservations/kids taken away from families put into foster care/loss of culture
6. Politics/Conflict and conflict resolution/peace, war and harmony/rights and justice/governance
7. Racism/stereotypes/negative labelling/prejudice
8. Humour/wisdom/knowledge
9. Respect/nurturing/sharing and generosity/collaboration and cooperation
10. Culture/tradition/ceremony/Tradition vs modern