

QUOTATION LIST FOR FINAL EXAM  
ENG 245 SCIENCE FICTION—DR. HALBERT  
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QUOTE: It's a shock to have it proven to you that you can't resist seducing yourself.

SOURCE: Robert A. Heinlein – “ ‘All You Zombies’ ” (8)

QUOTE: Overhead, without any fuss, the stars were going out.

SOURCE: Arthur C. Clarke, “The Nine Billion Names of God”, P580

QUOTE: “In that moment I feel the chill at the back of my skull, the sensation as of a steel needle driven deep through bone. I stiffen. My arms drop away from her. For an instant, I lose touch, and when the mists clear all is different.”

SOURCE: “Passengers” by Robert Silverberg, pg. 176

QUOTE: They're not bothered by your radiation tabs. It makes no difference to them, Russian, American, Pole, German. It's all the same. They are doing what they were designed to do. Carrying out the original idea.

SOURCE: Philip K. Dick. “The Second Variety”. pg.

QUOTE: ...more important than to be sure about the criminals is to punish the crimes, because without such punishment, History will not be advanced but may even be hindered in its course. You, therefore, either have committed the crimes or have been called by the Party to play the role of the criminal...

SOURCE: Hannah Ardent, *Ideology and Terror: A Novel Form of Government*, Pg. 320

QUOTE: You had to live – did live, from habit that became instinct – in the assumption that every sound you made was overheard, and, except in darkness, every movement scrutinized.

SOURCE: George Orwell. *1984*. P3.

QUOTE: And if all others accepted the lie which the Party imposed – if all records told the same tale – then the lie passed into history and became truth.

SOURCE: George Orwell. *1984*.. P35.

QUOTE: “Orthodoxy means not thinking—not needing to think. Orthodoxy is unconsciousness.

SOURCE: George Orwell, *1984*, Pg. 53

QUOTE: In the old days, he thought, a man looked at a girl's body and saw that it was desirable, and that was the end of the story. But you could not have pure love or pure lust nowadays. No emotion was pure, because everything was mixed with fear and hatred.

SOURCE: *1984* by George Orwell, page 129

QUOTE: But she only questioned the teachings of the Party when they in some way touched upon her own life. Often she was ready to accept the official mythology, simply because the difference between truth and falsehood did not seem important to her.

SOURCE: George Orwell – *1984* (157)

QUOTE: If you want a picture of the future, imagine a boot stomping on a human face—forever.

SOURCE: *1984* George Orwell, P277

QUOTE: “But it was all right, everything was all right, the struggle was finished. He had won the victory over himself. He loved Big Brother.”

SOURCE: George Orwell, 1984, Pg. 308

QUOTE: We learned to lip-read, our heads flat on the beds, turned sideways, watching each other's mouths. In this way we exchanged names from bed to bed

SOURCE: Margret Atwood, *The Handmaids Tale*

QUOTE: This is the kind of touch they like: folk art, archaic, made by women, in their spare time, from things that have no further use. A return to traditional values. Waste not want not. I am not being wasted. Why do I want?

SOURCE: Margaret Atwood. *The Handmaid's Tale*. P7.

QUOTE: Now the flesh arranges itself differently. I am a cloud, congealed around a central object, the shape of a pear, which is hard and more real than I am and it glows red within its translucent wrapping.

SOURCE: Margret Atwood, *The Handmaids Tale* Pg. 73-74

QUOTE: I find daffodils, crisp at the edges where they've dried, limp towards the stems, use my fingers, to pinch. I will press this, somewhere. Under my mattress. Leave it there, for the next woman, the one who comes after me, to find.

SOURCE: Margaret Atwood. *The Handmaid's Tale*. pg 98

QUOTE: You can get up now," she says. "Get up and get out." She's supposed to have me rest, for ten minutes, with my feet on a pillow to improve the chances.

SOURCE: Margaret Atwood *The Handmaids Tale* (139)

QUOTE: The Commander was patient when I hesitated, or asked him for a correct spelling. We can always look it up in the dictionary, he said. He said *we*. The first time, I realized, he'd let me win.

SOURCE: Margaret Atwood – *The Handmaid's Tale* (156)

QUOTE: The women will live in harmony together, all in one family; you will be like daughters to them, and when the population is up to scratch again we'll no longer need to transfer you from one house to another because there will be enough to go around.

SOURCE: Margaret Atwood. *The Handmaid's Tale*. pg 162.

QUOTE: "We know you're seeing him alone."

SOURCE: Margaret Atwood *The Handmaids Tale*

QUOTE: When we have that paradigm, one that embraces both the logical and the nonsensical aspects of quantum theory, we will be able to look past the colliding electrons and the mathematics and see the microcosm in all its astonishing beauty.

SOURCE: Connie Willis. "At the Rialto". P612.

QUOTE: I wish it would reely work alredy so I coued get smart like evrybody else

SOURCE: "Flower's for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes,

QUOTE: Even a feeble-minded man wants to be like other men.

SOURCE: "Flower's for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes, pg 678 in book

QUOTE: I had reached a new level, and anger and suspicion were my first reactions to the world around me.

SOURCE: "Flower's for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes

QUOTE: In some ways, you're so advanced, and yet when it comes to making a decision, you're still a child.

SOURCE: "Flower's for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes

QUOTE: Now I know what it means when they say "to pull a Charlie Gordon." I'm ashamed.

SOURCE: Daniel Keyes "Flowers for Algernon"

QUOTE: Now, every time I see her she grows younger and more lovely.

SOURCE: Daniel Keyes "Flowers for Algernon"

QUOTE: This intelligence has driven a wedge between me and all the people I once knew and loved. Before, they laughed at me and despised me for my ignorance and dullness; now, they hate me for my knowledge and understanding. What in God's name do they want of me?

SOURCE: Daniel Keyes, "Flowers for Algernon" Pg. 691

QUOTE: "I don't know what's worse: to not know what you are and be happy, or to become what you've always wanted to be, and feel alone."

SOURCE: Daniel Keyes, "Flowers for Algernon"

QUOTE: How strange it is that people of honest feelings and sensibility, who would not take advantage of a man born without arms or legs or eyes – how such people think nothing of abusing a man born with low intelligence.

SOURCE: Daniel Keyes. "Flowers for Algernon". P693.

QUOTE: "I said holy smoke I reely pulled a Charlie Gordon that time."

SOURCE: Daniel Keyes "Flowers for Algernon"

QUOTE: "Its easy to make frends if you let pepul laff at you."

SOURCE: "Flowers for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes, pg. 700

QUOTE: P.P.S. Please if you get a chanse put some flowrs on Algernons grave in the bak yard .

SOURCE: Daniel Keyes, "Flowers for Algernon," Pg. 700

QUOTE: If I'm gonna be a kept woman for the Military's secret weapon, then the Military can stand me a bowl of Spaghetti Africaine every once in a while

SOURCE: *Watchmen* by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons

QUOTE: The streets smell of ozone rather than gasoline. Flat, intangible blots of gray slide across the summer sidewalks, the shadows of overhead airships

SOURCE: *Watchmen* by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons

QUOTE: “In an era of stress and anxiety, when the present seems unstable and the future unlikely, the natural response is to retreat and withdraw from reality, taking recourse either in fantasies of the future or in modified visions of a half-imagined past.” (Moore)

SOURCE: *Watchmen* by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons

QUOTE: Dog carcass in alley this morning, tire tread on burst stomach. This city is afraid of me. I have seen its true face.

The streets are extended gutters and the gutters are full of blood and when the drains finally scab over, all the vermin will drown.

The accumulated filth of all their sex and murder will foam up about their waists and all the whores and politicians will look up and shout "Save us!"... and I'll look down and whisper "No." (Moore)

SOURCE: *Watchmen* by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons

QUOTE: “Never despair. Never surrender.” (Moore)

SOURCE: *Watchmen* by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons

QUOTE: “Every day the future looks a little bit darker. But the past, even the grimy parts of it, well, it just keeps on getting brighter all the time”

SOURCE: *Watchmen* by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons, pg. 46

QUOTE: All we ever see of the stars are their old photographs.

SOURCE: *Watchmen* by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons, P111

QUOTE: Blake is interesting. I have never met anyone so deliberately amoral. He suits the climate here = The madness, the pointless butchery... As I come to understand Vietnam and what it implies about the human condition, I also realize that few humans will permit themselves such an understanding. Blake's different. He understands perfectly...and he doesn't care.

SOURCE: Alan Moore – *Watchmen* (129)

QUOTE: ‘You’re locked up in here with me,’ he said. He’s right. Absolutely right.

SOURCE: Alan Moore. Dave Gibbons. *Watchmen*. pg 191.

QUOTE: We're all puppets, Laurie. I'm just a puppet who can see the strings

SOURCE: *Watchmen* by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons. pg 285

QUOTE: ...And the universe will not even notice. We've been through this before, Laurie. You argued that human life was significant than this excellent desolation, and I was not convinced.

SOURCE: Alan Moore. Dave Gibbons. *Watchmen*. pg 298.

QUOTE: Adopting Ramses the Second's Greek name and Alexander the Great's free-booting style, I resolved to apply antiquity's teachings to today's world. Thus began my path to conquest...conquest not of men but the evils that beset them.

SOURCE: Alan Moore. Dave Gibbons. *Watchmen*. pg 359.

QUOTE: "**NOTHING ENDS, ADRIAN. NOTHING EVER ENDS.**"

SOURCE: Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons, *Watchmen*, Pg.409

QUOTE: "You want to know how I did it? This is how I did it, Anton: I never saved anything for the swim back."

SOURCE: Andrew Niccol, *Gattaca*

QUOTE: "I got the better end of the deal. I only lent you my body - you lent me your dream."

SOURCE: Andrew Niccol, *Gattaca*

QUOTE: "You take the blue pill – the story ends, you wake up in your bed and believe whatever you want to believe. You take the red pill – you stay in Wonderland and I show you how deep the rabbit-hole goes."

SOURCE: *The Matrix* by the Wachowski's

QUOTE: Every mammal on this planet instinctively develops a natural equilibrium with the surrounding environment but you humans do not. You move to an area and you multiply and multiply until every natural resource is consumed and the only way you can survive is to spread to another area. There is another organism on this planet that follows the same pattern. Do you know what it is? A virus.

SOURCE: *The Matrix* by the Wachowski's

QUOTE: Human beings are a disease, a cancer on this planet, you are a plague, and we... are the cure."

SOURCE: The Wachowski's, *The Matrix*

QUOTE: Until it becomes more than a minor inconvenience to be late. It becomes a sin. Then a crime. Then a crime punishable by this...What they had done, was to devise a method of curtailing the amount of life a person could have.

SOURCE: “‘Repent, Harlequin!’ Said the Ticktockman” by Harlan Ellison, pg 466 in book

QUOTE: “There are always those who ask, what is it all about? For those who need to ask, for those who need points sharply made, who need to know “where its at,””

SOURCE: Harlan Ellison, “‘Repent, Harlequin!’ Said the Ticktockman,” Pg.466

QUOTE: The system had been seven minutes worth of disrupted. It was a tiny matter, one hardly worthy of note, but in a society where the single driving force was order and unity and equality and promptness and clocklike precision and attention to the clock, reverence of the gods of the passage of time, it was a disaster of major importance.

SOURCE: Harlan Ellison. “‘Repent, Harlequin!’ Said the Ticktockman”. P469.

QUOTE: *She’s right. She’s always right. I’ll be late. I’m always late. Why do I tell her the dumb things?*

SOURCE: Harlan Ellison, “‘Repent Harlequin!’ Said the Ticktockman”, P472

QUOTE: and if you make only a little change, then it seems to be worthwhile. Or, to make the point lucidly: “Uh, excuse me, sir, I , uh, don’t know how to uh, to tell you this, but you were three minutes late. The schedule is a little, uh, bit off.” He grinned sheepishly. “That’s ridiculous!”

SOURCE: Harlan Ellison – “*Repent, Harlequin!*” *Cried the Ticktockman* (12)

QUOTE: “Take a good look at this world, how riddled it is with huge, gaping holes, how full of Nothingness, the Nothingness that fills the bottomless void between the stars, how everything about us has become lined with it, how it darkly lurks behind each shred of matter. This is your work, envious one! And I hardly think the future generations will bless you for it...”

SOURCE: “How the World was Saved” by Stanislaw Lem, pg. 600

QUOTE: I have nothing more to ask of you, only please, dear machine, please return the zits, for without them life loses all its charm...

SOURCE: Stanislaw Lem, “How the World Was Saved”, P600

QUOTE: “Far out in the uncharted backwaters of the unfashionable end of the western spiral arm of the Galaxy lies a small unregarded yellow sun.

Orbiting this at a distance of roughly ninety-two million miles is an utterly insignificant little blue green planet whose ape-descended life forms are so amazingly primitive that they still think digital watches are a pretty neat idea.”

SOURCE: *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams, \

QUOTE: Sadly, however, before she could get to a phone to tell anyone about it, a terribly stupid catastrophe occurred, and the idea was lost forever.

SOURCE: *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams Guide to the Galaxy

QUOTE: Now it is such a bizarrely improbable coincidence that anything so mind-bogglingly useful could have evolved purely by chance that some thinkers have chosen to see it as a final and clinching proof of the non-existence of God.

SOURCE: Douglas Adams – *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* (59)

QUOTE: “McDonald’s, he thought. There in no longer any such thing as a McDonald’s hamburger. He Passed out.”

SOURCE: Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy*, Pg. 61

QUOTE: “‘You know,’ said Arthur, ‘it’s at times like this, when I’m trapped in a Vogon airlock with a man from Betelgeuse, and about to die of asphyxiation in deep space that I really wish I’d listened to what my mother told me when I was young.’

‘Why, what did she tell you?’

‘I don’t know, I didn’t listen.’”

SOURCE: Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy*

QUOTE: Simple. I got very bored and depressed, so I went and plugged myself in to its external computer feed. I talked to the computer at great length and explained my view of the Universe to it,

SOURCE: Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy*

QUOTE: Isn’t it enough to see that a garden is beautiful without having to believe that there are fairies at the bottom of it too?

SOURCE: Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*, Pg. 119

QUOTE: Forty-two.

SOURCE: *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams

QUOTE: I stare at the crucifix that hangs on the cabin wall above the Mark IV Computer, and for the first time in my life wonder if it is no more than an empty symbol.

SOURCE: Arthur C. Clarke. “The Star”. pg 1.



QUOTE: But how you can believe that Something has a special interest in us and our miserable little world--that just beats me.

SOURCE: Arthur C. Clarke, "The Star", P2

QUOTE: God has no need to justify His actions to man. He who built the universe can destroy it when He chooses. It is arrogance--it is perilously near blasphemy--for us to say what He may or may not do.

SOURCE: "The Star" by Arthur C. Clarke, pg. 9

QUOTE: But there comes a point even when the deepest faith must falter.

SOURCE: "The Star" by Arthur C. Clarke, pg 9 in handout

QUOTE: Whether that race has done good or evil during its lifetime will make no difference in the end: there is no divine justice, for there is no God

SOURCE: Arthur C. Clarke, "The Star", Pg. 9