

## **In-Class Exercise on *There Will Be Blood* (2007)**

Write one-page on the following:

*What in your opinion is the main theme of the film? Choose a scene or sequence in the film to support your argument.*

For example, Is the film against the disruption of 'early capitalism' on social structure, such as local communities and religion? Is it a comment against corruption and for honesty in any sphere of life? Is it on the importance of family and having roots in which to fall back on in periods of crisis? Is it about a clash of (dogmatic and/or idealist) personalities? Is it an exercise in stereo-type reductionism of human nature? Is it a myth about the 'wild west' in the United States around the time of the 'closing' of the frontier? Is it about the amoral or immoral pursuit of profit and/or self-interest? What else?