

### **The Gender Synthesis Prompt Creation Exercise**

**The Assignment:** Using the sources supplied, you are to create a complete synthesis prompt that a respondent can address adequately in 40 to 50 minutes. The respondent will have an extra 15 minutes to read and annotate the sources.

#### **Hints:**

- Following the template, create a prompt requiring an argumentative response.
- You are in control, so you must first determine how you want the respondent to focus his or her response based on the sources provided.
- The sources should tangentially address your prompt, requiring the respondent to develop her or his own argument.
- Because the respondent has only 15 minutes to peruse the sources prior to writing, you have to reduce them in size to a few paragraphs.
- You should find something pithy in each source to emphasize, something indicative of the author's position.

#### **Because Gunnar is a nice guy:**

- I have put Word files of the sources (except August) on my website on the “Conifer High School Only” page, so after downloading them, you can copy and paste to avoid retyping. Due to copyrights, that page is restricted – the password is \*\*\*\*\*.
- I have also placed a Word file of the “Gender Synthesis Prompt Templates” on “The Synthesis Prompt” page under “AP 11: English Language and Composition”, so if you are word-processor savvy and download them, you can save yourself some time formatting.