English 2430, Lit. in English II: 1750-1865
Paper Four (optional), due at final exam, Thursday, December 17th, 10:15 am
Three pages, double spaced.

If outside sources are consulted, include a bibliography. If this paper represents an improvement over any of your three previous papers, its grade will replace the lowest of those.

Select either option A or option B:

Option A:

Imagine yourself an English or American literary reviewer in the year 1860. You are familiar with the literature of both countries, and you want to give a short analysis of the differences between them during the last hundred years. What are the most important points? Give concrete examples.

Option B:

Compare Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner" (1798, 1817) and Melville's *Moby-Dick* (1851). Is the symbolism in each more similar or divergent? How does man's experience of nature and the sublime contribute to his self-understanding? Can you generalize from these two texts some basic similarities and differences between American and British literature of the period? Give other examples.