QEP 1 Questions for 6320 Spring 2013

a. According to Grenfell, Bourdieu believes that habitus is “both structured by conditions of existence and generates practices, beliefs, feelings, and so forth in accordance with its own structure” (p. 51). Relate this notion of habitus (and other key concepts in Bourdieu) with either Foucault’s concept of power/knowledge or Gramsci’s notion of hegemony. In your conclusion, suggest why these concepts relate to epistemologies in RWS.

b. How are Gramsci’s concept of hegemony and Foucault’s concept of power related and/or different? In your conclusion, describe how the field of RWS uses these concepts.