Practice Comprehensive Exam Questions for RWS 6321

Select one of the following questions and answer in approximately 5 pages.

Criteria for evaluation include:

* Succinct and insightful analyses of the readings, including the major assumptions and rhetorical stances of the authors
* Situated readings within broader theoretical, pedagogical, and/or historical contexts
* Critical reflection upon the arguments, contexts, and line of inquiry in the readings
* Arguments developed from these reflections
* Clear and concise writing

**Question 1:**

Much of what we’ve read this semester discusses a movement away from alphabetic literacy toward a variety of *literacies*. What are these literacies and what does it mean to be literate given this movement? In what ways has this movement altered (or not) the study of rhetoric and/or the teaching of writing? What rhetorical/theoretical/pedagogical themes or trends have been emerging from this movement?

**Question 2:**

The evolution of technology influences rhetoric and rhetoric studies in a number of significant ways. Select one or two (if two, they should be interrelated) topics from the list below and discuss how we’ve seen their concept/role/practice shift and how writing and rhetoric instruction has changed (or not) along with it.

* Authorship
* Invention
* Arrangement
* Style
* Memory
* Delivery