20th Century American Literature

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**Final Exam Essay Question F16**

* 1000 words maximum
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* Please answer the following question on the paper below. Your score will be assessed based on the following:
* Creativity and Originality: Are your ideas your own, or did you get them from a book or the Internet? I want to hear YOUR ideas, not someone else’s! Do your ideas show that you have read the texts carefully and thought carefully about your answer? (BTW: Agreeing with your professor is not the object here. I want to hear what you think, even if you think we might disagree!)
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Question: Looking for connections between the texts and movie we read/watched during the second half of the semester, address the theme of madness. Specifically, I would like for you to answer the following question: has modern society’s emphasis on money, enforced conformity (in terms of ideas of physical beauty or "following the rules" for example), and/or security caused us all to go crazy? Are we becoming terrified, self-obsessed, consumer robots? Use specific examples from the texts and film to support your position. You are also encouraged to use other examples from popular culture or from current events (Korean or Western) to show how society encourages or discourages this. Try not to use examples from your personal experience for this essay.

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