

## Hist/HRS 127 – Study Questions for Test #2

Spring 2014

Wesley Essays – Write your take-home essay of about three pages on **ONE (1)** of these. Use the same approach as in the Luther essay – double-spaced, addressing the question, Works Cited section and pages references, convincing the instructor you have read the book, etc.

1. Write an interpretive essay on the emergence of John Wesley's conversion experience in 1738. Include his spiritual journey from Oxford, to Georgia, and back to England including his conversations with Peter Böhler. What was the importance of his conversion for the rest of his career? Refer to similarities and differences to Martin Luther's conversion experience.
2. Sketch in Wesley's life the evolving relationship of works and faith in his understanding of salvation? What was his doctrine of perfection? What was his opinion of predestination? Was he a "sage Arminian"?
3. Why was John Wesley's ministry in the British Isles such a success? Give a comprehensive answer; include nature of the Church of England in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, social and cultural conditions, and of course Wesley's own gifts.
4. Imagine yourself a typical bishop in the Church of England in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Write a short essay expressing your feelings and ideas about John Wesley and his Methodist movement. Include comments on "enthusiasm", Wesley's theology, the nature of Wesley's organization, and its relation to the Church of England. Remember that Anglican bishops are usually moderate and rational.