Prompt for Paper One
Select a passage (or series of passages) from Bliss Perry’s “The Amateur Spirit” that fascinates, shocks, or perplexes you. In your selection, identify a problem: a gap, tension, contradiction, ambiguity, or difficulty in the way Perry’s subject has been presented. Write a brief (4-page) paper in which you offer an original claim that addresses the problem you’ve identified in Perry’s essay. Support your claim with evidence from your close reading. In this paper you will focus on part of the essay in order to develop a new, original view of your own. In your conclusion, provide a motive; explain why it is important to address or resolve the problem that you have identified.