

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.