**Essay 2:** Critical Comparison Essay (25%), spring 2013, Prof. Scanlan

Basic Directions: Write a 3 page essay based on a close reading of *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga. More specifically, you must chose to compare two characters in this novel and explore how they are similar and different. In addition, students must use at least one of the following ideas that we have worked with in class: *colonial homesickness, modern homesickness, global homesickness, radical homesickness, the Other (Levinas), and global imaginary*.

More Specifically: In writing this analysis, you will need to choose the two characters with care. Next, you should describe and then analyze scenes in which the characters reveal their similarities and differences. And lastly, you should consider how examining one of the critical terms above helps you to understand the relationship between these two characters—this analysis may form part of your conclusion, but it also might form your thesis.

Possible Character Pairs:

Balram—Ashok

Pinky Madame—Ashok

Balram—Pinky Madame

Vitiligo-Lips—Balram

Balram—The White Tiger

Balram—Dharam

(there are other pairs)

Essential Details:

1. Include at least four direct quotations (see OWL).

2. Provide an MLA style works cited page.

3. Page length: 3 pages, typed, using standard margins, fonts, and font size (12). Use

MLA format. See me or the Purdue OWL website for details on formatting.

4. Due Date: May 14, 2013, at the beginning of class. Late papers will not be accepted;

early papers are always accepted.