PSY203 – General Psychology
Topic Outline for Quiz #3

I. Defining Personality
   A. Personality Theories - Pieces of a Puzzle

II. The Beginnings of Personality Theories
   A. The Psychoanalytic Perspective
      1. The Structure of Personality and the Unconscious
      2. Personality Development (Psychosexual Stages)
      3. Defense Mechanisms (see handout #4)
      4. Neo-Freudian and Psychodynamic Theorists (differences with Freud)
      5. Assessing Unconscious Processes
         a. Projective Tests (TAT, Rorschach)
         b. Reliability and Validity of Projective Tests
      6. Evaluating the Psychoanalytic Perspective
   B. The Humanistic Perspective
      1. Maslow and Self-Actualization
      2. Rogers and the Person-Centered Perspective
      3. Assessing the Self
      4. Evaluating the Humanistic Perspective

III. The Modern Study of Personality
   A. The Trait Perspective
      1. Exploring Traits (Factor Analysis, Biology)
      2. The Big Five Factors
      3. Evaluating the Trait Perspective
   B. The Social Cognitive Perspective
      1. Reciprocal Influences
      2. Personal Control and Explanatory Styles
      3. Assessing Behavior in Situations
      4. Evaluating the Social-Cognitive Perspective
   C. Exploring the Self
      1. The Benefits of Self-Esteem
      2. Culture and Self-Esteem
      3. Self-Serving Bias

IV. Summary – Putting the Pieces of Personality Together (Class Activity #3)