

Humanities 1
Professor Edwards
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Writing Assignment 2

Essays are due at the end of lecture on Friday, January 31st. It should be 4-5 pages in length in the Humanities format (see Mechanics and Quotation Handouts).^{*} In writing your essay, pay particular attention to the Thesis Statement handout and to those sections of the Grammar Handbook that have already been discussed, especially *comma splices*.

Respond to one of the following prompts:

1. The Israelites had a proverb, "Is Saul also among the prophets?" (I Samuel 10:12 and 19:24). The proverb suggests a contrast between political and prophetic authority. To what extent does prophetic authority undermine political authority in I and II Samuel?
2. Write a thesis-based essay in which you agree or disagree with the following claim: As a judge, Samuel is cast more in the mold of Aaron than of Moses.
3. Write a thesis-based essay in which you agree or disagree with the following claim: Samson should be read as the anti-David.

Submit a paper copy of your essay to your TA in a plain manila folder with your name on it. Include the Writing Exercise in your folder.

Before submitting a paper copy at lecture, you must submit an electronic copy to www.turnitin.com for textual similarity review. Information about that will be distributed and discussed in section by your TA.

Late essays will be penalized 1/3 of a grade *per day late*.

^{*}All handouts are available online (<http://revelle.ucsd.edu/humanities/writing-info/writing-info.html>) or in the Humanities office (Galbraith 180).