

Humanities 1
Professor Edwards
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Writing Assignment 3

Essays are due at the end of lecture on Friday, February 21st. It should be 4-5 pages (a minimum of 4 full pages) in the Humanities format (see Mechanics and Quotation Handouts).^{*} In writing your essay, pay particular attention to the Thesis Statement and Effective Conclusions handouts and to those sections of the Grammar Handbook that have already been discussed.

Respond to one of the following prompts:

1. The conversations between Abraham and God in Genesis 18 and between Zeus and Poseidon (*Odyssey* 13.142-212) share the motif of a deity deliberating about punishing a people who have displeased him. Agree or disagree with the following claim: The *Odyssey* more successfully accounts for human suffering as part of the moral order than does Genesis.
2. Agree or disagree with the following claim: Penelope's speech on Helen (*Odyssey*, 23.230-58) reinforces how the rest of the poem has presented the two women.
3. Agree or disagree with the following claim: When comparing Odysseus's actions at the beginning of his journey to those once he returns to Ithaca, it is clear that Odysseus has changed.

Submit a paper copy of your essay to your TA in a plain manila folder with your name on it. Include your Writing Exercise and Writing Assignment 2 in your folder.

Before submitting a paper copy at lecture, you must submit an electronic copy to www.turnitin.com for textual similarity review.

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).