

Humanities 1
Edwards—Winter 2015

Writing Exercise

Assignment is due at the end of lecture on **Monday, January 12th**. The assignment should be 1-2 pages in length in the Humanities format (see Mechanics and Quotations Handouts). * Be sure to pay particular attention to the Thesis Statement handout. Do not use outside sources in a Humanities essay. The argument should be your own and the only material used should be the assigned readings.

This is **not** a full paper. Instead, (1) compose a strong, complete thesis and (2) *analyze* one significant piece of evidence from the readings that supports your thesis.

Respond to one of the following prompts:

1. Some have argued that God tests Abraham in the way he does (Gen 22:1-17) because Abraham has repeatedly failed to trust God's covenant. Do you agree? Argue for or against this proposition.
2. Some have argued that Jacob is portrayed as a strong and prudent leader of his family in Genesis 34. Do you agree? Argue for against this proposition.

Submit your paper to your TA in a plain manila folder with your name on it. All Humanities essays are to be saved and turned in each time in this folder.

While this essay is *ungraded*, it must be submitted in order to pass the course.

*All handouts are available online (<http://revelle.ucsd.edu/humanities/writing-info/index.html>).