Writing Exercise

Assignments are due at the end of lecture on Wednesday, January 15th. They 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.

This is *not* a full paper; instead, you are supposed (1) to compose a strong, complete thesis and (2) to select and *analyze* one significant piece of evidence from the readings that supports your thesis.

Respond to one of the following prompts:

1. Argue for or against the following claim: "God tests Abraham (Gen 22:1-17) as he does because Abraham has repeatedly failed to trust God's covenant."

2. The serpent says that if Adam and Eve eat of the fruit, they will be more like God (Gen 3:5). Was the serpent right?

3. Argue for or against the following claim: "Jacob is unworthy of God’s covenant because he lacks the virtues of his father, Isaac, and the faith of his grandfather, Abraham."

Submit your essay 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 to your TA in this folder.

While this essay is *ungraded*, it must be submitted in order to complete the course with a passing grade.

*All writing handouts are available in the Humanities office (Galbraith 180) or online ([http://revelle.ucsd.edu/humanities/writing-info/writing-info.html](http://revelle.ucsd.edu/humanities/writing-info/writing-info.html)).