Essays are due Thursday, 4/18, at the end of lecture. The essay should be a minimum of 5 full pages in length (no more than 7) in the Humanities format, and a counterargument is required. Reminder: 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.

Write an essay on one of the following prompts:

1. There are notable episodes of temptation for both Aeneas and Jesus during their journeys toward their destinies. In what form(s) does this temptation appear? How do the authors use imagery and other devices to portray temptation and the struggle against it? Are Aeneas and Jesus similar in the ways they view, confront, and overcome temptations? Using Virgil and Mark, write a thesis-based essay in which you compare the role of temptation in Aeneas and Jesus.

2. “An ever/uncertain and inconstant thing is woman” (The Aeneid IV. 786-87).

The protagonists of these two foundation stories are men—Aeneas and Jesus. What kinds of roles do women play in The Aeneid and the Gospel of Mark? Are women, as Mercury says, “uncertain and inconstant”? Are they obstacles to the missions of Aeneas and Jesus? Using Virgil and Mark, write a thesis-based essay in which you compare the authors’ portrayals of women in the two texts.

When writing your essay, refer to the Humanities Writing Handbook, in particular the sections “Writing a Humanities Essay,” “Counterarguments,” and “Pronouns.”

Submit a paper copy of your essay to your TA in a plain manila folder with your name on it. Include all your previous Humanities papers in the 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. We remind you that if you use other people’s words or ideas as if they were your own you are committing plagiarism, which at UCSD is severely punished. It is also very easy to discover.

Late Policy: There will be a 1/3 grade penalty for each day an essay is late.

Handouts are available in the Humanities Writing Handbook and online at http://revelle.ucsd.edu/humanities/resources/writing-resources.html