

Humanities 2
Prompt for Paper 1
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Essays are due Thursday, 4/19, at the end of lecture. The essay should be a minimum of 4 full pages in length (no more than 5) 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. Sometimes, Virgil describes Aeneas as providing guidance and support for those who went with him from Troy. Sometimes, the poet recounts instances when Aeneas gives into his personal desires and emotions rather than looking after his people. The question is: Would Virgil describe Aeneas as a good leader?
2. Is family--as an idea and as an institution--important to Virgil? It seems that *The Aeneid* shows characters abandoning family members and loved ones to pursue what they regard as their destiny.

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>