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).