

Humanities 1

Winter 2020

Professor Cox

Writing Assignment 2 (graded)

Choose one of the following topics and write a thesis-based essay in which you agree or disagree with the words in quotes, or modify their ideas to fit your understanding of the text. In length, make your paper from four full pages to five full pages.

1. “David is confronted with many tests, and he almost always fails them. If God had not chosen, for unknown reasons, to adopt him as a friend, David would have been absolutely nothing.” This topic is being repeated, for students who did not write about it last time.
2. “Despite the view that Professor Cox expressed in his lecture, Jonah is a successful prophet, compared with other important prophets we’ve seen in the Bible.”
3. “The picture of God that is suggested by the Psalms we’ve read in this course is not that of a unified personality but that of a number of qualities attributed to something called ‘God.’” If you choose this topic, you don’t need to refer to all ten of the Psalms we’ve read, but you need to refer to enough of them to make a substantial argument.
4. “The values that Isaiah favors are different from those favored by Genesis and Exodus—so different that they represent a basically different religion.”

And one more question, in a different format:

5. In 1 and 2 Samuel and the chapters of 1 Kings that we read, important political problems are identified. Why aren’t they solved?

Turn in your essay at the **end of lecture on Friday, February 14.**