

Humanities 10 Honors Summer Reading Assignments

Beowulf

Type a one-page, single space, answer to the question, “Is Beowulf (the character) a Christ figure?” Why or why not? Be ready to present your answer to the class. This could mean that you will read your answer from the front of the class.

*Please be sure to use MLA formatting.

Inferno

Many people, regardless of their religious sensibilities, find it difficult to think and/or talk about the doctrine of Hell. Indeed, it is a sobering subject matter and almost impossible to stomach. Divine justice. Eternal punishment. However, some may find it interesting that the person who speaks of Hell more than anyone within the Scriptures is Jesus himself. So how should we think about, and what are we to believe about the doctrine of Hell? Dante Alighieri, the Italian author of the great medieval classic, *The Divine Comedy*, has opened a door for us to discuss and wrestle with such a difficult topic. And we will do so when you return to school. But first, I want you to type a one-page, single-spaced answer to the question, “Is the doctrine of Hell an important topic? Why or why not?”

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