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American Studies English 11

Puritanism

Notes: Puritan Writing and Literature

**Directions: In order to enrich your understanding of the beliefs and values of the Puritans, you will be reading a selection of Puritan authors. Actively read the works of literature and then answer the reading questions below.**

**Reading Questions:**

**Anne Bradstreet’s “Upon the Burning of Our House, July 10, 1666”**

1. What was the speaker doing when she found out that her house was on fire?
2. What can you infer that the speaker valued before her house burned down?
3. Identify an example of personification. Cite the lines of the DQ.
4. Identify an example of metaphor. Explain the comparison and cite the lines of the DQ.
5. What do you think the “hope and treasure” the speaker refers to in the last line represents?

**Jonathan Edwards’ “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God”**

1. According to Edwards, is God angrier with sinners in Hell or sinners still living on earth?
2. Identify an example of simile. Explain the comparison and cite the lines of the DQ.
3. According to Edwards, how long must people suffer the wrath of God?
4. In Edwards’ view, what must all sinners do to save themselves from God’s wrath?
5. Why do you think Edwards felt it was necessary to terrify his Puritan audience into action?

**Directions: Actively read the works of literature and then complete the chart below. You will summarize of the main idea of each text. You will explain how one motif appears throughout the text and why it is important. Finally, you will identify DQs that support the Puritan beliefs and values listed on the chart.**

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| **Puritan Author** | **Title**  | **What is the main idea of the text?** | **How does one motif appear throughout the text?** | **Which examples of Puritan values and beliefs appear in the text?** |
| Anne Bradstreet | “Upon the Burning of Our House, July 10, 1666” |  |  | * Belief in non-materialistic way of life

 DQ:* Value spiritual aspects of life

DQ:* Belief in life after death

DQ: |
| Jonathan Edwards | “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” |  |  | * Belief in God’s wrath

DQ:* Belief in chosen elect

DQ:* Belief in God’s grace/mercy

DQ: |