

COMPARISON-CONTRAST ESSAY ASSIGNMENT

Choose just one question, either question #1, #2, or #3.

1. Compare and contrast the image of Achilles (from the *Iliad*) to our modern idea of a war hero. How do modern soldiers differ from Achilles? (watch the movie, *Troy*) How do we honor soldiers vs. how did the Greeks honor them?
2. Compare and contrast Egyptian and Greek temples. Use the *Temple of Ramses II, Abu Simbel* to compare to the *Parthenon* in Athens, looking at purpose, function, & architectural design.
3. Compare and contrast the *Epic of Gilgamesh* to the *Odyssey*. Both are epic stories about a hero's quest. Look at why the hero leaves home. What trials are involved in their return? Do these trials contribute to the maturation of their character? What is their reward?

The essay must be word-processed, double-spaced, using size 11 font. Its length should be between 750 and 850 words.

Be sure to include:

- Introductory paragraph with a clearly stated thesis statement
- A concluding paragraph
- Detailed descriptions of principal characteristics of what you are comparing
- Detailed descriptions of examples...details
- Utilize your textbook and lecture notes as well as 1 or 2 outside resources; citing this information in the report
- Document from where this information is taken from and place this information on a Works Cited Page on a separate page at the end of the report using the MLA method; see cyber link for help if needed: <http://library.stkate.edu/pdf/citeMLA.pdf>
- Identify up to 3 key similarities and/or differences
- Total length of the report should be between 750-850 words, anything less will not be acceptable
- A title page with a catchy title should be attached as the front page of the report, along with the student's name, date, HUM2220, my name, & total word count on the bottom right hand side of the Title page
- Proofread to check for spelling & grammatical errors. You can catch these mistakes before handing in for grading
- This report is worth 100 points toward your grade
- Check List: 1) Title page with special information on it 2) Report done in Essay method with paragraphs 3) A Works Cited page, done using the proper formatting – see above