Humanities 1A Spring 2014

**Writing Assignment #1:**

**Reading Response Paper**

You are asked to write a response based on one of the readings for this course. For this assignment, you may choose among the readings below, and you may decide what is most interesting to you to examine in depth.

Please use the following as a guide for your writing. You do not need to follow every detail of each suggestion. That is, you could end up focusing on one or several of the suggestions below:

1. Select a quotation or a short passage from the designated reading as your focus, or choose a particular theme in the reading. In any case, be sure that your paper is a focused examination of this choice.
2. Explain what you understand the quotation/passage to be saying, or explicate the theme.
3. Say why you chose this quotation/passage or theme. What did it “say” to you? Did it surprise, encourage, confuse or agitate you perhaps? Why did you have this response? Explain.
4. Discuss the significance of this quotation or theme, by means of analysis and critique, in the context of the writing of which it is part.
5. In exploring readings assigned from the Bible, using the annotations should help give you ideas for your writing, and/or help you analyze a passage.

If you have any questions, please be sure to ask.

**Choose one of the following readings for Writing Assignment #1:**

“Wisdom Literature in the Bible” readings:

Ecclesiastes 1-4; Job 1-13, 38-42; Psalms 1, 23; or Proverbs 1, 8

“Aegean Art,” (chap. 4 in *Art History*)

**Length: 1 ½-2 pages, typed, double-spaced**

**Due date: Monday, February 17, 2014**