**literature and religion**

•       Choose a character from the Iliad and analyze his or her journey. Some questions you might answer for this topic are (optional ): what do specific geographical locations represent for a particular character? What type of journey does the character undergo (psychological, spiritual, physical, martial, romantic, emotional, intellectual – or some combination thereof)? And then Pick a Franciscan value and answers this question: to what extent does the value that you chose show up in the Iliad ? And how it is related to the character , Keep in mind that polytheistic Greece and Rome in the eighth and first centuries B.C.E. had a number of cultural and social differences from St. Francis’ Assisi (Italy) in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries C.E. Some Franciscan values are: compassion, reverence, diversity, peace, respect, service, and joy.

•       Regardless of which option you choose, the essay should be three to four pages long, typed, double-spaced, and in Times New Roman font. Three well-written pages will always get a better grade than three mediocre ones with an extra page of filler so aim for quality rather than quantity.

Paragraphs should be roughly ¾ of page with approximately two quotations per paragraph to illustrate your ideas. Make sure to provide a clear link between your evidence and claims. Topic and concluding sentences will help to keep you focused.

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A clear arguable thesis statement in the last sentence of your first paragraph should be developed in each of your subsequent body paragraphs.

Please keep plot summary to a minimum (generally less than twenty percent of your essay). Outside research is unnecessary for this essay, but if you do use sources other than your text book, please cite them in the proper MLA format