

Directions: Please answer the following questions in a typed document following MLA formatting. On time submission = printed document submitted in class on the due date AND submission to Turnitin.com by class time.

1. Why is the development of a writing system important and how can a writing system aid in the development of a society?
2. How was the development of writing linked to ownership of private property? What can we infer from this about the sanctity of private property (43)?
3. How did the Sumerians use their geography in creating cuneiform (44 – 46)?
4. What kind of statement was God making by using tablets of stone instead of paper to deliver the Ten Commandments (49)?
5. How did the development of writing lead to factual accounts of past events (51)?
6. Why do you think that warfighting and the technology supporting this activity was the “most highly developed skill in the ancient world”? What can we learn about human nature from this? What does it teach us about man’s strongest inclinations (57)?
7. How did the writing of the law in Sumer lead to limited government (57)?
8. How do the flood stories indicate that the Great Flood was a global flood rather than a local flood?
9. Using the following passage, explain why historians think “The Story of the Flood” was not originally included in the Epic of Gilgamesh: “The story of the flood, which existed in a number of different versions well before 2000 BC, was likely shoehorned into Gilgamesh’s story, as the fifth tale, at least a thousand years after Gilgamesh’s death; it is clearly independent from the rest of the epic. (“Sit down and let me tell you a story.” Utnapishtim orders Gilgamesh, and launches into the tale as though he’s had little opportunity to tell it since getting off the boat)” (72).
10. Look up the term “droit de seigneur.” How does “droit de seigneur” relate to the fine line between kingly privilege and kingly corruption, and the possible destruction of the king’s realm?