ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. What must we study to understand the Great Books, in addition to the books themselves? (10 pts.)

2. Describe some epic conventions that the Aeneid has in common with the Iliad and other epics. (12 pts.)

3. In the second part of the opening section we have an epic question and its answer. What are they? (12 pts.)

4. What attitude did the early Christians have towards the truths in pagan literature, such as the Aeneid? (12 pts.)
5. What experiences does Aeneas go through that are like Odysseus’s? (10 pts.)
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6. How does Aeneas’s character grow after the tragedy of Dido? (8 pts.)
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7. What view of the afterlife do we see in Book 6? (10 pts.)
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8. What three things does Alecto do for Juno to break the truce and stir up war? (8 pts.)
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9. How does Midas free himself from the blessing-turned-curse of the golden touch? (10 pts.)
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10. What were the three great philosophies that competed for the minds and hearts of men in the Roman world? (8 pts.)

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**Extra Credit**

11. What is one way Vergil’s literary style is different than Homer’s? (5 pts.)

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12. What does aristeia mean? (5 pts.)

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