



Old Western Culture

A Christian Approach to the Great Books

Year 3: Christendom

Unit 3

The Medieval Mind

Aquinas and Dante



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Exam A

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ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Why were Aquinas and Dante the greatest figures of the high Middle Ages? (12 pts)

2. How does Aquinas define faith? (10 pts)

3. For Aquinas, what was theology about? What does it mean to really understand a thing? (10 pts)

4. According to Aquinas, what are all actions and movements of every creature and being directed to? What is their end or goal? (10 pts)

5. Where does Aquinas say that final happiness and misery reside? (10 pts)

6. Why must Dante go through all of Space (Hell, Purgatory, and Heaven)? (10 pts)

7. According to Dante, what four unexpected things are responsible for Hell? (8 pts)



8. Who are the three greatest sinners in Dante's cosmology? Who did they betray, and what is their punishment? (10 pts)

9. From Dante's perspective, what is Purgatory? What separates the torments of Purgatory from those of Hell? (10 pts)

10. What does Dante tell us about the Ninth Heaven, the Primum Mobile? (10 pts)
