



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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ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. What was the intended purpose of the *Summa Theologica*? (12 pts)

2. How did the rediscovery of Aristotle's *Logic* in the 11th century give rise to a rebirth of scholastic efforts in all areas of knowledge? (10 pts)

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

4. How does Aquinas define evil? (10 pts)

5. What does Aquinas say is the function of providence? (8 pts)

6. According to Aquinas, how can we become more like God? (10 pts)

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



8. According to Dante, Who truly rules Hell? (10 pts)

9. As what shape did Dante portray Hell? (10 pts)

10. What ideas do we inherit from the Scholastic mindset? (10 pts)

EXTRA CREDIT

11. How does Aquinas explain that God’s permission of evil is still consistent with his divine goodness? (BONUS FOR EXTRA CREDIT. 5 Pts.)

12. In Dante’s cosmology, what is the main difference between Purgatory and Hell? (BONUS FOR EXTRA CREDIT. 5 Pts.)
