Reading Questions

Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God

English 10

1. Who is the intended audience of Edwards’ sermon?
2. What is the purpose of Edwards’ sermon?
3. Give examples of the imagery Edwards uses in his sermon. What is the purpose of using these images?
4. What are examples of similes used in Edwards’ sermon?
5. What are examples of metaphors in Edwards’ sermon?
6. Why are the unconverted people in such danger according to Edwards?
7. What would be the belief about how involved the divine is in human’s daily lives with this group of people?
8. In what way did these people believe the Bible? Why is this important to know?
9. Do you think that Edwards was effective in persuading these people to repent and change? Why?
10. Describe the difference between God’s anger with those in hell and sinners who are still alive. Why does Edwards mention this in his sermon?
11. How does Edwards describe God? Do you think he would have described God much different if he felt the congregation was not sinful?
12. What was the atmosphere of the church while Edwards gave his sermon?
13. In what manner did Edwards give his sermon?
14. What historical event is this sermon associated with?
15. What is the intended result of Edwards’ sermon? What solution does Edwards offer at the end of his sermon?