

English 3 Study Guide
Unit: The American Dream

Using this study guide will help you prepare for your section quizzes and unit exam and ensure that you learn the most important content. Keep it near you and take notes as you progress through the unit. When you have finished the unit, be sure to store it in a notebook or in a specific folder on your computer so that you can study it for the semester exam.

Section C: Religion and Faith

1. Beliefs are opinions about _____.
2. What should we remember about the truths behind our beliefs?

3. How do some theologians describe faith?

4. Tutorial: Portrait of American Puritanism (1620-1730s)

A. What are the 5 Points of Calvinism?

T: _____

U: _____

L: _____

I: _____

P: _____

B. What is one of the most dominant beliefs in Puritan communities that involve actions?

C. Why were drama, religious music, and erotic poetry banned?

D. How did the Puritans view religious freedom?

5. What are some suggested active listening strategies?

6. Write down an active listening plan that includes at least 3 strategies that you strongly feel will help you improve your learning.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

7. *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God* and Puritanism Essay: The charts below are intended to help guide you through each step.

A. Write down your thoughts about the following quote: "Does an author's words help shape the beliefs of the time, or do the beliefs of the time shape an author's words?"

Do you agree or disagree? Why?

B. Identify the main ideas from the *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God* excerpt. You may want to start by identifying the main ideas from each paragraph. Then, highlight common language and thoughts between paragraphs.

Paragraph 1: Main Idea

Paragraph 2: Main Idea

Paragraph 3: Main Idea

Paragraph 4: Main Idea

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Paragraph 5: Main Idea

Paragraph 6: Main Idea

C. Select the most important ideas along with the topic of the sermon to identify the themes that relate to human behavior and life in the mid-1600s.

Important Ideas	Topic of Sermon
Themes:	

D. Connect these themes to your knowledge of a Puritan's beliefs and practices.

Examples of Puritan Beliefs and Practices	Themes
1.	
2.	
3.	

E. Write a **one to two page** persuasive essay that explains your opinion about the relationship between a historical author's words and the time period in which he writes.

F. Use at least 2 specific examples from the above chart and your knowledge of Puritan beliefs to support your opinion.

8. What two literary periods blended together?

9. _____ and _____ combined during these Revolutionary times.

10. How did the First Amendment to the Constitution affect America?

11. Thomas Paine's criticism of British rule over the American colonies centered on seven points:

1. An island should not rule a _____.
2. _____ to America were from all over Europe, not just England.
3. Even if England was the "mother country" of America, her actions toward her "child" could be considered _____.
4. America should not be dragged into European _____ considering America's distance from Europe.

5. The distance between England and America made _____ difficult considering communication arrived by ship and took months.
 6. America was discovered before the _____ in Europe by Puritans who wanted to be free of British rule and religious persecution.
 7. British rule only concerned its own interests, not the interests of the _____.
12. How is *Common Sense* a prime example of a text from the Enlightenment literary period?
13. As you read, make notes about the word choice of Thomas Paine and the topics he discussed. The first one is done for you.

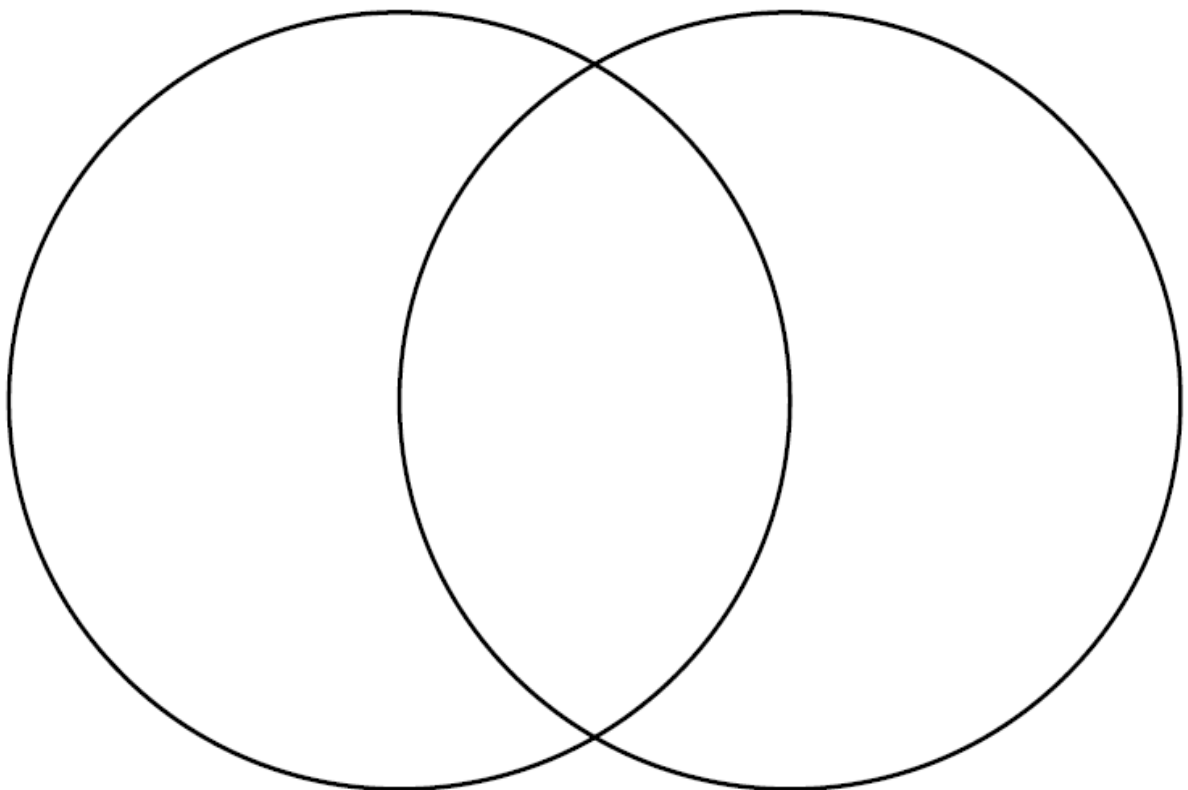
Word Choice	Topics
wickedness	Government responds to our wickedness and serves to restrain us

14. After you have finished taking notes, focus on the similarities and differences in language style between *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God* and *Common Sense*, then complete the Venn Diagram below and summarize the language style differences between the two.

**Sinners and Common Sense
Language Comparison**

Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God

Common Sense



15. Comparing *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God* and *Common Sense*, which of the two texts did you find easier to read? Why?
