According to Hamilton, the gods and goddesses were sometimes cruel and contemptible. They often “acted in ways that no decent man or woman would.” The separation of man from the deities occurred with the “Greek miracle” — when the gods became more human in appearance and less intimidating to mankind. However, humans were held to a higher standard of behavior which is demonstrated in the mythology. How do the myths of Greece embody the ideals and culture of the society which evolved from that transition? What do the heroes, gods, and myths symbolize to the people of ancient Greece?

In a well-written informative essay, explain the values, ideals, or motifs that permeate the literature that was read and discussed in the unit.

Your essay must contain the following:
- An introductory paragraph, at least 3 body paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph
- A clearly written thesis statement in (the introductory paragraph)
- Each body paragraph should have a claim (topic sentence)
- Each body paragraph must contain at least two quotes (from Hamilton or Sutcliff). You need at least 6 quotes in total that have been introduced, cited, and analyzed in the essay
- Include in-text citations and a Works Cited
- Your essay should be 2-3 pages
- Formatting must be MLA: 1 inch margins, double spaced, 12 pt font, Times New Roman
- Write in third person - do NOT use “I”

Rough draft is due Wed., Oct. 18 (typed or handwritten).
The typed final is due by 12:00 pm (noon) on Sat., Oct. 29, 2017

Your final essay must be emailed to me so that I can upload it to SafeAssign. You should email me at thalerwriting@gmail.com with a Word attachment OR you can share a Google doc with me (make sure I have editing privileges).

Prewriting:

What is the purpose of an informative essay?

Which Greek values seem most significant to you?

Which myths embody those values?

How are the values above related to each other?

What is the bigger picture? Why does it matter?