



English Literature and History

Assignment 17

- *poetry memorization.* Memorize part 1 of Robert Frost's poem "Nothing Gold Can Stay." The poem, written in couplets, has only two parts.
- *listen to audio.* Listen to an audio recording of Isaac Watts's poem "**Cradle Song**," sung by folk singer Maddy Prior. (We read the poems of Isaac Watts in our last lesson.)
- *reading.* Complete Lesson 17 in the study guide and the accompanying reading by Oliver Goldsmith and William Cowper. "An Elegy on the Death of a Mad Dog" is found in Goldsmith's novel *The Vicar of Wakefield*, which is a somewhat humorous novel typical of the period. Although William Cowper had gloomy disposition, "John Gilpin" is very humorous. I find that the funniest people—writers, actors, etc.—have often suffered from depression!
- *history.* Read Chapter 12 and complete the study guide material.

Long Range Assignments

- *test.* There will be a test on **the first week of February** on the Elizabethan and Stuart Periods. At that time the Guy Fawkes point will be given out. If the current king gets it, though, his subjects will have to endure another four weeks of tax tyranny unless someone spends money on raising an army! By now you should have some vague idea of what you want to write about. Now I would like you to choose a specific person (monarch, prime minister, etc.) or event (war, battle, etc.) and be ready to tell me next week.

- *writing*. The narrative essay is due on **the first Friday in February**.