

## English History and Literature Assignment 10

- Memorize **parts 1–4** of Girard Manley Hopkins' poem, "Binsey Poplars."
- Read English History Chapter 10 and answer the questions in the study guide.
- Read "The Douglas Tragedy" ballad and complete the study guide material.

### Long-Range Assignments

- The comparison essay between the two Edwards will be due **the second Friday of December**. Remember to follow the format that we talked about in class. See the outline below.
- We will have another test on **the third Friday of December**. The test will determine who gets a preferment in the king's court. The test will include the literature of the Middle Ages and the history contained in chapters 6–11 of the history book.



## Comparison Essay Assignment

“The apple does not fall very far from the tree” is a popular saying that expresses the similarity between parents and their children. You will notice, however, from reading chapters 8–11, that although Edward I was very much like his grandson Edward III, he was very much dissimilar to his son Edward II. Write an essay discussing the differences between either Edward I and Edward II or between Edward II and Edward III. First write an outline on a separate piece of paper, following the format below. Be sure to use Roman numerals for your paragraphs, capital letters for the major topics of your paragraphs, and numbers and lower case letters to express subtopics and topics within those subtopics. Also, be sure to indent your subtopics. You will base your essay mostly on the information that you find in your textbook; however, you may use any additional information.

### I. Introduction

- A. Write background information important for your reader to understand before you begin your discussion of the differences between the two kings. Often introductions begin on a more general topic and then taper to the main idea. For example, you could discuss the general truth that sons are often like their fathers, but that Edward II was a notable exception. This section of your introduction should be at least two sentences.
- B. Write your main idea. The main idea should express the general fact that there are important differences between the two kings, such as differences in the way that they governed the kingdom, their relationship with their spouse, and their bravery and skill on the battlefield. Make sure that you provide a smooth transition between your introduction and main idea.

### II. First Body Paragraph

- A. Write a topic sentence stating the first difference. Make sure that you connect this topic sentence to the previous paragraph by using a transition word or phrase. Such phrases as “One difference between the two kings was that...” provides a smooth introduction to your first idea, while phrases like “another difference between the two kings” and “The two kings were different not only on the battlefield” will connect your second and third body paragraphs.
- B. Write about one of the kings, describing him in terms of the particular difference. For example, you may first discuss one of the king’s skill and bravery on the battlefield.
  1. In discussing the one king’s skill and bravery in war. You may mention particular battles or encounters that the kings had entered. Suppose, for instance, that you wanted to compare Edward I with his son. Here, then, you would discuss Edward I’s strategies, victories, etc. in such battles as the Battle of Evesham.
  2. If you mention other battles, be sure to use transitional words, such as *another*, *in addition to*, *furthermore*, etc.: “Another encounter in which Edward showed his bravery and skill in war is in his conquest of Wales. The Welsh had showed

themselves enemies during the Barons' War, and Edward showed shrewdness in his realization that there would be no peace as long as the Welsh were independent..."

- C. Begin discussing the second king. Make sure you provide a smooth transition, using words such as *on the other hand*, *however*, *unlike his father (or son)*, etc. and write about the second king: "Unlike Edward I, Edward II showed himself unwise and incompetent in battle. Use the format shown in letters A and B above as a model in developing this second part of your paragraph.