Annotated Bibliography

The Epic of Gilgamesh

This text is one of the oldest known texts in history. It contains the legend of Gilgamesh, a Mesopotamian King, who seeks out the secret of eternal life in order to save his friend Enkidu. Throughout the epic, Gilgamesh faces many challenges and puzzles, which require wit and discipline to master. Gilgamesh has to make many choices that consider higher morals and the meaning of life. There are many lessons to be learned in this epic that I’d wish to cross reference with poems that I’ve read in class.

The Old Testament

The first two books of the Old Testament are considered to be the most important among most. Genesis is the story of Earth’s creation and Exodus is he story of salvation. Each book elaborates on sets of moral and religious standards, which combine dogma with true enlightenment. I want to consider the topics discussed in these passage to draw connections with topics of poems I’ve analyzed.

Martin, Danny. N.p.. Web. 21 Nov 2013. <http://www.warpoetry.co.uk/>

This website holds a number of veterans poems. From other websites I’ve seen, many of the topics in veterans’ poems are incredibly similar. They usually talk about honor, defending freedom, camaraderie, or loved ones back home. Some are even written in a spiteful tone, shedding light on the glorified work that is service.

I’m still thinking about what topic I wish to research. I can’t seem to find any good articles that talk about poetry and religion, though I am finding many that discuss how religion has affected poetry, which I am not interested in.