Biblical Allusions Research Project and Synthesis Paper

DIRECTIONS: You will be completing a research project in which you will explain in detail a character or event found in the Bible. Your research will be written into a documented synthesis paper about your character or event and presented to the class. Knowing biblical allusions will deepen your understanding of literature. If you already know an allusion, double-check with an outside source for accuracy and then cite that source. Wikipedia is not recognized as a credible source by colleges and universities; therefore it is off-limits to you for this assignment. On an appointed day, you will share your findings with your classmates. *You may only use one 3 X 5 notecard when you present.

Format Requirements:
- Typed, double-spaced, TNR, twelve-point font, synthesis of sources that is 1-2 pages in length (on the second page).
- Typed, MLA Works Cited page (a list of ALL websites, books, databases, etc. used)
- Minimum of 5 sources, used as follows:
  - 1 primary source (online or print)
  - 1 encyclopedia summary of allusion (database or print)
  - 2 references to pop culture (online or print)
  - 1 reference article from a periodical (database only).

Paper Content Requirements:
- Your paper must include a detailed description of who or what your figure/event is. You may use any version of the Bible as your primary source. You must explain how the allusion is relevant in two popular culture references [everyday life, a movie, a song, a piece of literature, art etc.] and used in one national periodical.

• Your paper must use a mixture of original content, direct quotation, paraphrase and summary with proper in-text citation.

Presentation Content Requirements:
- Tell the story of your allusion.
- Present the most engaging cultural reference you found on your allusion and how it is used in pop culture.

Grading:
- TWO ESSAY grades (paper)
- ONE QUIZ GRADE (presentation to the class)

Research Process:
- A goal of this assignment is to teach responsible research methods, which includes: using reliable Internet sources using databases and books, the differences between summarizing, paraphrasing and direct quoting, and the ethics of responsible research writing. Process assignments will also figure into your semester grade.
- You must use Noodle Tools to create your bibliography and notecards.
Allusions

Absalom                               The Plagues
Alpha and Omega                       The Passover
Cain and Abel/Brother’s Keeper        
Daniel and the Lion’s Den             
David and Bathsheba                   
David and Goliath                      
The Good Samaritan                      
Ishmael                                
Jacob and Esau                         
The Story of Job                        
Jonah and the Whale                    
Judas Iscariot/ Kiss of Death          
King Ahab and Jezebel                  
Original Sin/The Fall of Man           
Philistine                             
Prodigal Son                           
Ruth and Naomi                         
Samson and Delilah                      
Sodom and Gomorrah                      
King Solomon                           
Twelve Tribes of Israel                
The Fall of Lucifer                     
Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors     
Moses and the Ten Commandments         
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (The Fiery Furnace) 
The Birth of Jesus                      
Jesus, The Betrayal                     
Jesus, The Empty Tomb                   
Jesus Walks on Water                    
Jesus, The Crucifixion                  
Jesus Feeds the Multitudes              
The Apostle Paul                        
Tower of Babel                          
Gideon                                 
Solomon and his Temple                  
Jeremiah                               
Armageddon/The Book of Revelation      
Noah and the Ark                        
Gabriel                                
Mother Mary/Virgin Mary                 
Abraham and Isaac                       
Lazarus                                
The City on a Hill                      
Lilies of the Field