



Civilization Sequence 205
Final Interpretation Exercise

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Answer ONE question ONLY:

I. Knowledge

1. Analyze the concept of knowledge in three (3) of the following:
 - a. Oedipus
 - b. Plato or Aristotle
 - c. Al-Ghazali or Ibn Rushd
 - d. Augustine or Dante
2. Be sure to identify, in each case, the aim and the direction, the recommended or implemented method to obtain this knowledge and the "fruits" of the experience.
3. Evaluate critically the various types of knowledge you discussed. Which do you prefer and why?

OR II. The Journey of Life

- "In none of these things does he find that for which he is ever searching".
(Dante, Convivio, quoted in lecture flysheets, p. 5)
1. Identify clearly and briefly the "object" of the search, its purpose and aim in three (3) of the following:
 - a. Gilgamesh or Odyssey.
 - b. Augustine or Dante.
 - c. Al-Ghazali.
 2. Why is he "misled" or "illdirected" in each case? Do the various solutions/remedies succeed? Analyze briefly on the basis of selected quotations.
 3. Which is your favorite journey? Justify your choice.

GOOD LUCK!