**Compare and contrast the Flood Story from *Genesis* with the flood story in *Gilgamesh*.**

**Address the following questions in your essay: (the answer to each question becomes at least one paragraph)**

**What are the most important differences and from what do those differences arise?**

**What are the key similarities?**

**What causes the two floods?**

**Compare and contrast the characters of Noah and Utnapishtim. Do these figures serve the same purpose within the context of their stories?**

**Extra Credit: How do you explain the similarities between a Hebrew scriptural text and an ancient Mesopotamian epic?**

**Essay Structure:**

1. **Intro Paragraph: Include your thesis statement/claim.**
2. **Body Paragraphs: Include main idea, evidence from the texts (direct and indirect quotes), and interpretation of the evidence. Use transition sentences to get from one idea to the next.**
3. **Closing: tie off any loose ends and wrap up your paper. Restate the claim in a different way.**