“Rime of the Ancient Mariner”—Reading and Study Questions

A. Read Parts 4 and 5 of “Rime of the Ancient Mariner”

B. Answer the following questions:

**PART FOUR QUESTIONS:**
1. Why does the Wedding Guest fear the Mariner?
2. Explain the Mariner’s isolation. What are some of the inner struggles the Mariner experiences in his isolation? What are two things the Mariner is unable to do?
3. Identify a Christian allusion. What is the significance?
4. Describe the supernatural creatures that are in the water.
5. What does the Mariner do in the second last stanza in Part Four? What is the result of this action?

**PART FIVE QUESTIONS:**
1. What is Mariner finally able to do? What happens as a result?
2. What does the rain represent? Explain the Christian allusion.
3. What happens to the sailors? Explain the use of pathetic fallacy?
4. What explanation does the Mariner give to calm the Wedding Guest’s fears?
5. Why is nature described as beautiful?
6. What do the two voices say at the end of Part 5?

**DUE WEDNESDAY MARCH 7TH**

A. Read Part 6 of “Rime of the Ancient Mariner”

B. Answer the following questions:

**PART SIX QUESTIONS:**
1. Provide evidence that proves that the Mariner feels guilt.
2. When the Mariner approaches land he sees “seraphs”. What is a seraph? What do they do? Why are these figures significant?
3. What does the Mariner hope the Hermit can do?

**DUE THURSDAY MARCH 8TH**

A. Read Part 7 of “Rime of the Ancient Mariner”

B. Answer the following questions:

**PART SEVEN QUESTIONS:**
1. What happens when the Hermit and the Pilot row over to the Mariner’s ship?
2. Explain how are supernatural forces at work in this part?
3. What does the Mariner experience after he tells the Hermit his tale?
4. What must the Mariner do to rid himself of his guilt?
5. What advice does the Mariner give the wedding guest? Why? How is the wedding guest described as the end of the poem?