



Week 8 – Notes

- I. Research Papers
 - a. 20 topics to be handed out next week.
 - b. 6 to 8 pages.
 - c. Yes, there's research.
 - d. Quotes from text AND quotes from scholars.
- II. 16th Century
 - a. Humanism → An intellectual thread of the Renaissance
 - i. Thinkers → Sir Thomas More, Aschem, Erasmus (not all British)
 - ii. Concerned with educating princes, courtiers, noblemen in a Christian fashion
 - iii. Education
 1. Trivium → Grammar, Logic, Rhetoric.
 2. Quadrivium → Arithmetic, Geometry, Astronomy, Music
 3. Emphasis on classical texts, Latin scholars (eg Horace, Vigil, Cicero).
 - b. Reformation → Change of religions ideology.
 - i. Scripture was more important than the church (in authority)
 - ii. Grace and faith over good deeds.
 - iii. Individual conscious over Priests.
 - c. Henry the 8th
 - i. 1509 – 1547
 - ii. Church of England (Couldn't get divorce, formed own church).
 - iii. Official English Bible (1537)
- III. Thomas More
 - a. 1478 – 1535
 - b. Executed for not swearing oath to Church of England
- IV. Utopia (Thomas More)
 - a. Plato's Republic = Other Utopic narrative.
 - b. Equal share of wealth
 - c. Uniformity
 - d. Hard work
 - e. Virtue, Morality. "Vir" = Man. Possess the qualities of a man (eg a TRUE man).
 - f. Shared Property
 - g. No pride
 - h. Open-minded tolerance to religion.
- V. Sir Philip Sidney
 - a. Courtly Love
 - b. Sonnets / Sonnet Cycle
- VI. Pattern in Astrophil and Stella
 - a. 108 Sonnets
 - b. 108 Stanzas of 11 Songs
 - c. Rhyme Scheme: ABBAABBACDECDE (14 lines).
 - d. Frequent use of oxymorons. "Bitter Sweet," for example,
 - e. Loving the idea of being in love.