

“Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God”
Jonathan Edwards

1. Purpose of the sermon (quote from paragraph 2):

2. What is the character of God in paragraph 1?

3. What holds these unconverted persons out of hell?
(paragraph 2) quote from sermon:

paraphrase (That means: put it into your own words.):

4. Edwards repeats this idea in the next paragraph (paragraph 3), but he gets a little more specific. There are three things which Edwards says give people a false sense of security.

#1 _____

#2 _____

#3 _____

5. Edwards uses a figure of speech (simile, metaphor, personification, etc.) to illustrate this false sense of security. Draw and label it.

6. What is the main idea that Edwards is trying to get across in the first half of the sermon?

7. In paragraph 4, Edwards uses another figure of speech to describe the Wrath of God. Draw it.

8. In paragraph 5, Edwards uses another figure of speech to describe the Wrath of God. Draw it.

9. Between #7 and #8, which do you find more frightening? Why?
10. To what people is God's wrath targeted? (quote the sermon)
11. What is Edwards talking about when he says, "However you may have reformed your life in many things, and may have had religious affections, and may keep up a form of religion in your families and closets, and in the house of God, ..."
12. What sensory details does Edwards include in paragraph 11? What effect does the imagery have on the reader?
13. What is the "extraordinary opportunity" that Edwards speaks of in paragraph 11?
14. Describe the sudden tone shift in the last few paragraphs.
15. What one phrase, word, image, or idea is most prominent in your mind after reading this selection? Why?
16. How does Edwards use repetition to heighten the effect of his sermon in paragraph?
17. To which two creatures does Edwards compare sinners in paragraph 7? Why did he choose these creatures?