SyncTV Writing Prompt:

In Chapter 19, verses 5 and 6, God says to "keep my covenant." What is the nature of this covenant? In an essay of 400 words or more, summarize what God expects from the Israelites and what God will give in return. Be sure to quote from the text to support your response.

In Think … please skip to questions 6, 7, and 8 – the focus is learning to engage in discussion academically.

Friday, we will have a discussion seminar all period. Half the period will focus on Prompt #2 and half the period will focus on Prompt #3. Please come to class Friday, prepared for this discussion:

* Re-read The Book of Exodus
* Be very familiar with the what the writing prompts are asking
* Have your answers to the prompt, and your evidence from the text ready to refer to in your notebook.
* The text will be in front of you on your netbook Friday

**Prompt #2:**  
Think about the character of Moses as revealed in this excerpt. What qualities make him a good intermediary between God and the Israelites? What does Jethro’s advice to Moses tell you about Moses’ character? Write an essay of 400 words analyzing the challenges of Moses’ job and his leadership abilities, using references to the text. \*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*we are not writing the essay, but having a whole class discussion.

**Prompt #3:**  
In Chapter 20, verse 4, God forbids the making of graven images or likenesses of anything “in heaven… in the earth…or in the water.” Compare God’s perspective as “a jealous God” with the point of view of people who make and admire likenesses. Is God’s jealousy justifiable? Should God be more tolerant of image-makers? Respond in an opinion essay of 300–400 words. \*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*we are not writing the essay, but having a whole class discussion.

Grading:

25 points for being prepared

25 points for engaging in discussion

* Referring students to text
* Sharing ideas
* Responding to others’ ideas
* Including those who have not had a chance to talk
* Focusing the group back onto the prompt