

Final Performance Tasks for Unit 3

The following is a list of the enduring understandings for unit 3. Demonstrating your grasp of one or more of these understandings will be essential to successfully completing your chosen final performance task. See the descriptions below to understand the specific elements that will be required for each performance task option.

- The Books of Genesis and Exodus describe God’s covenant of love and fidelity.
- The historical books recount ancient Israelite history and demonstrate how God interacted in the Israelites’ lives and in the lives of their leaders.
- The prophetic books contain the words of the people whom God commissioned to call the Israelites back to the covenant.
- The wisdom books help people of faith to find meaning in the mysteries of life.

Option 1: An Art Show and Gallery Guide

Create an art show that illustrates all four of this unit’s enduring understandings. Your art show may utilize digital media or traditional media and must contain ten images or objects—that is, two or three images or objects for each enduring understanding. You must actually make the images or objects for your show, not cut and paste them from the Internet. Create either an audio guide (digital audio file) or a written gallery guide to accompany your show. The guide should provide helpful commentary that assists the viewer in interpreting the images or objects and in comprehending how they reflect the enduring understandings.

Option 2: An Interview with Biblical Figures

Imagine that you have been hired by BNN (Biblical News Network) to conduct an interview with three key Old Testament figures, one from each section of the Old Testament covered in this unit. Choose the biblical figures you will interview—one from each of the following lists and write a three-page transcript of the interview. As the interviewer, pose questions to these people about their roles in salvation history, the struggles and joys they encountered in their lives, advice they would share with people seeking to be faithful to their covenant with God, and any other matters that would help to illuminate this unit’s first three enduring understandings. The biblical figures may interact and converse with one another as well as with you; for example, perhaps they compare their life experiences, their relationships with God, or the time periods of ancient Israelite history in which they lived.

Conclude your transcript with a one- or two-paragraph reflection on what you, as the interviewer, have learned from spending time with these Old Testament figures. Incorporate the fourth enduring understanding in this reflection by articulating connections between what these figures have taught you and insights from the wisdom books. For example, what have you learned from these people about the meaning of life, the nature of suffering and evil, how to pray, or how to persevere as a person of faith through all of life’s many struggles?



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List 1

Abraham
Sarah
Isaac
Rebekah
Jacob
Rachel
Leah
Joseph
Moses

List 2

Joshua
Rahab
Saul
David

List 3

Amos
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Ezekiel

