

Final Performance Task Options for Unit 8

Important Information for All Three Options

The following are the main ideas that you are to understand from this unit. They should appear in this final performance task so your teacher can assess whether you learned the most essential content:

- Apocalyptic literature is a literary form that speaks about end-times, prophesies catastrophic upheavals on earth, and promises a new creation.
- Scriptural prophecy did not claim to foretell the future; rather it was a warning offered in hope that the faithful would change the path of destruction for which they were headed because of sin.
- The Book of Revelation offers hope to a church under persecution and expresses belief in God's justice and God's victory over evil.
- Revelation proclaims that God, the one who raised Jesus, holds ultimate power over human history—even over death.

Option 1: Apocalyptic Literature

Deliver the key messages of the Book of Revelation through a modern piece of apocalyptic writing. Decide on your audience, for example, Christians living in Saudi Arabia or Catholic teenagers tempted to give up their faith. In your “revelation,” describe three visions, including one of heaven. Use symbols and images drawn from contemporary culture. Your mini-book of revelation should be at least three pages.

Then write one page telling how your writing parallels John's and explain what your symbols represent.

Option 2: Illustrated Dictionary for the Book of Revelation

Put together a dictionary for the Book of Revelation as follows:

- Compile a list of at least fifty words related to the Book of Revelation and the understandings of this unit.
- Compose the definitions of the words and include how they relate to the Book of Revelation.
- Produce artwork to accompany at least ten of the words.
- Create a cover for the dictionary that incorporates some of the symbols in the Book of Revelation.
- Type the book and add the art.
- Bind the pages together with staples, yarn, or brads.



Option 3: Bible Advice Column

Suppose you are the writer for a Bible advice column in a religious magazine, and you receive a letter from someone who is worried that according to prophecies in Revelation, the end of the world is near. Write a response to this letter for your column that explains the background, genre, purpose, and meaning of the Book of Revelation. Your response should be three pages and should address the concerns from the following letter:

Dear Bible Expert,

A friend told me that according to the Book of Revelation in the Bible, the end of the world is near. It predicts that earthquakes and terrible signs will herald the end. These are already happening. My friend says that an antichrist will appear, and it's clear that he has already come. What's more, my friend says that the Bible states that only 144,000 people will go to heaven. I find these things very frightening. In fact, I lie awake at night wondering if the end is near and if I will be one of the few lucky saved ones. Is my friend right? The Bible doesn't lie, does it?

—Worried

