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### Position Paper Worksheet

#### A. Introduction:

**What is your topic?** The importance of biblical literacy

**What is your angle?** Biblical literacy is not limited to a Christian worldview or perspective;

Christian vs secular perspective

**What is your thesis statement?**

How we read the bible affects our view of it, and understanding Biblical themes and narratives can provide an insight to underlying cultural elements.

**Provide some background on your topic.**

The term “biblical literacy” has been a buzzword of Christian/seminary circles in more recent years. Many are coming against this idea that the Bible should be widely understood and that most people (especially Christians) should have a basic understanding of it. It is not only imperative that Christians be familiar with biblical content and know how to navigate it, but others not ascribed to the religion should have some kind of understanding in order to frame relevant cultural elements.

#### B. Argument:

1. What is biblical literacy

- a. Biblical literacy is not only a term used to describe religious studies, but encompasses the ability for people to read the Bible and become knowledgeable about its themes, influence, and etc.
2. Intellectual study?
- a. Biblical literacy in the form of intellectual and comprehensive study is imperative for Christians, and is valuable for non-Christians. People who do not ascribe to Christian as a belief do not need to study the Bible in this way but loose knowledge of its principles, imagery, and influence are important.
3. Biblical worldview vs. secular worldview

From both vantage points we can see that biblical literacy is necessary. I think for Christians it is self explanatory, but others may argue differently. [Source] Having a biblical worldview implies that your perspective on life is rooted in biblical principles and morals. Although someone of another view may not see biblical literacy as necessary, much of government and societal standards we based upon these principles; to fully understand these institutions you need context.

C. Acknowledge and/or refute other arguments:

1. If I am not a Christian, why should I worry about this?

Refute: Biblical themes can be found in various cultural elements (modern media, interpersonal friendships, literature, government, etc. Being a well-educated

individual would include some semblance of familiarity with biblical stories and themes

2. As Christian, what if I'm not built for intellectual study?

Even if you don't think you're built for intellectual study, it is still your responsibility as a Christian to have a solid familiarity with the Bible

#### D. Conclusion

Restate both sides of the argument

Summarize your three argument points

End with a call to action, a restatement of your thesis, or a statement of implications

E. List your sources according to MLA Style Guide- see here for additional information

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