For this essay, I want you to reflect on common themes we find in the stories of Boccaccio’s Decameron.

Read the selections I’ve indicated in your guide. I want you to respond with a five-paragraph essay.

Paragraph 1: What are some typical reactions of people to the appearance of the Pestilence?

Paragraphs 2-4: I want you to compose a well-written paragraph on three of the following themes in these stories –

faith; love; sexuality; a woman’s place in society. Be sure to be specific, detailed, and discuss examples from multiple

stories.

Paragraph 5: Give me a personal response to these stories. This is completely up to you.

If you have questions about what you would like to write about or are looking for feedback, just ask in our online

Canvas meeting, in the Discussion area, or in a private message.

You may go beyond the minimum requirements above, but your essay must be at least five well-written paragraphs.

Unless stated otherwise, I expect your essays to be double-spaced, in a standard 12-pt font, in MLA style. Please

identify any outside sources used. Be sure to support your statements with specific evidence. It should be clear when

I read your essay that you are familiar with the primary texts and with the material you use to support your work.