

## Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God

**Directions:** On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions. To receive credit, you must write complete, thoughtful sentences.

1. Jonathan Edwards uses many poetic devices in his sermon. Find and write down five similes in the piece. Yes, I want you to write down Edwards' actual wording that includes each simile.
2. Additionally, Edwards builds on one of his similes to create an extended analogy. First, find the paragraph that serves as one long comparison between two things. Then, write the first six words of that paragraph to show me that you've found it. Do you think this analogy is effective? Explain your answer.
3. According to Edwards, what do healthy, strong members of that town foolishly believe? Why do they think this?
4. Edwards argues that the sun, earth, air, and animals are not here for our enjoyment. What, according to Edwards, is the purpose of these natural elements? Write the line of text that shows this.
5. Personification is used when an author gives human traits to a non-human element or item. Find and record two examples of personification in the sermon.
6. Alliteration is the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words, such as, "Sally sells seashells by the seashore." Find and write two of Edwards' alliterative phrases.
7. Thinking about the overall purpose of Edwards' piece, would this sermon be effective in making you want to become further devoted to his church? Explain your answer.