**Critical/Comparative Analysis: *Lot’s Wife***

**Assignment:** Choose ONE of the suggested topics below and write a 1 page analysis of “Lot’s Wife.” Be sure to include textual support and properly cite evidence you gathered from the poems, the bible passage, and/or your own research.

* Examine each author’s treatment of Lot’s wife. What point of view is each poem written from, and how does each approach affect the reader’s understanding of or connection to the poem? What is each author trying to convey about Lot’s wife?
* Research the lives of each of the authors. What historic/political events did they experience? What major events happened in their personal lives? What similarities do you notice and how might these events/experiences/situations have influenced each woman’s composition of her poem “Lot’s Wife”?
* Identify a critical/comparative question you would like to explore related to the “Lot’s Wife” poems. *If you choose this option, you MUST get approval from me no later than* ***Friday, December 13th,*** *I will not give credit to essays that have not been written to an approved question.*

**Objectives:** To compare multiple versions of literary works based around the same theme, and to defend an original analytical claim about those works.

You will also:

* write a well-organized paper with a clear thesis.
* use textual and experiential evidence.

**Helpful Hints**

* Annotate (take notes on) your copies of the poems.
* Read the poems multiple times.
* Research the authors (even if you do not choose that option.)
* Choose just two or three of the versions to compare (4 is a lot). **Be VERY clear as to which version of the poem you are referring to at all times!**
* Remember ***context*** – When was the poem written? Who wrote it? Where was it written? Do these affect the poet’s interpretation of the story?

*Go to homework hall for help!*

**Format:** Your essay should be 1 page typed, double-spaced, in a standard 11 or 12 point font. Be certain to appropriately cite any sources.

**Due December 17th**