**Excerpts from *Summa Contra Gentiles* by Thomas Aquinas**

**Chapter III**

1. What are the two truths about God that are intelligible to men through natural reason
2. What are the three general hindrances men have in attaining to the knowledge of God

**Chapter IV**

1. List and define the three disadvantages Thomas gives for the attainment of knowledge solely through reason

**Chapter V**

1. What is left to man for attaining truth once the disadvantages of reason are revealed?
2. What do the philosophers propose to show to man as a higher goal than the pleasures of the senses, which will motive them to pursuit of knowledge?
3. What is the chief cause of presumption in some men’s quest for knowledge of God?
4. Even though men are sorely incapable of attaining much in the way of knowledge of God, what is the benefit to making the attempt?

**Chapter VI**

1. What does Thomas consider the greatest of miracles?
2. According to Thomas, how did Mohammad entice his followers?

**Chapter VII**

1. Explain how Thomas reconciles the truth of faith and reason to each other in paragraph one.
2. Where does the truth we have in our reason come from and how did it get there?
3. How do you think Aquinas would account for man coming to false conclusion because of sin?

**Summary Assignments:**

For your assigned section, please prepare a typed paragraph summary. This should be in your own words with brief quotations from the chapter if necessary. In addition, be prepared to present about the section to the class ( minimum two minutes).

Chapter III~ Jenna

Chapter IV~ Elise and John

Chapter V~ James and Irene

Chapter VI~ Luke and Hannah

Chapter VII ~ William and Ellie