“Upon the Burning of Our House”

Directions:

1. Read “Upon the Burning of Our House”
2. Write summary of each stanza. 1-3 sentences.
3. Include any figures of speech (metaphor, simile, inverted syntax, etc) in the summary. (Check page 1110)

Stanza 1: Stanza one takes place in the middle of the night when Anne Bradstreet is rudely awakened by someone yelling “Fire”. There was a “thundering noise and a shrieking sound outside the house. She did not expect this to happen, actually it was the last thing that she “Desired”. An example of inverted syntax (or sentence) is line two when she inverts The sentence “For sorrow near, I did not look” which should read “I did not look for Sorrow so near my home.

Stanza 2

Stanza 3

Stanza 4

Stanza 5
Explain the main idea of the poem and how the idea can be used in your personal life.
Puritan Poetry
American Literature Introduction
Class Presentation
Mr. Geis

Directions:

The class will be divided into 3 groups.
Each group will be assigned a Puritan poem.
The group will read the poem and each person will present something from the list for the poem.
The teacher will be available to help each group.
The presentation should last a minimum of 3 minutes.

Group 3: Trevor Graham, Adam Goetschel, Pat Creech, Devin Carrilo

“Huswifery”

Student 1: Give a summary of the first stanza.
   a. Explain the metaphor of the spinning wheel
   b. Explain the words “holy word”
   c. Name the parts of the body that are used for comparison

Student 2: Give a summary of the second stanza.
   a. Explain the metaphor of the loom
   b. Explain what “web” means

Student 3: Give a summary of the third stanza.
   a. Explain the metaphor of the clothing
   b. Explain how the narrator wants to glorify God

Student 4: Explain the following to the class.
   a. Extended metaphor (Pg. 111)
   b. Explain who is the weaver
   c. What is the point of the poem?