

Student Sample

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The Old Books

“Where is my *dinner*?” Chairwoman Punctilious snarled at her minions. She watched as they scrambled to complete this task and she giggled, loving every moment of watching everyone answer to her.

Punctilious took her top aide aside. “What’s the update on Project **Valkyrie**, Smith? We cannot let the people know that Genesis is gaining power with the Underlings.”

Smith cringed, “Uh, I hate to inform you, uh, ma’am.” He trailed off.

“OUT WITH IT!” bellowed Punctilious.

“The Underlings have, uh, been reading the, uh, Old Books, ma’am.”

“The Old Books? Where did they find them? I didn’t think there were any copies still in circulation,” the Chairwoman was puzzled, and clearly worried.

Smith **realized** that his next move would **redeem** him, even if it **really** wasn’t much. He dusted off the dirty cover. It was clear that this copy had been dug up from deep underground; it had been worn by years of **snuggling with earth**. *Prentice Hall: World History*, the cover read. Smith continued, “They have been studying feverishly, Genesis leading the attack. Our intel tells us there has been talk about Hitler, Stalin, and someone named Mussolini. They say they **will not let it happen again.**”

I thought we buried those books deep in the ground. I thought we kept the Underlings busy enough powering our continent that they would NEVER be able to look for the knowledge

they would need to stop me. The reality of the uprising hit Chairwoman Punctilious, and she slumped back in her leather chair to think up her next plan of action.

Knowledge can lead to power and opportunity.

Allusion – Valkyrie - In Norse mythology, a **Valkyrie** (from Old Norse *valkyrja* "chooser of the slain") is one of a host of female figures who choose those who may die in battle and those who may live.

Personification – Books snuggling

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