

Great Awakening Sermon

“The God that holds you
over the pit of Hell, much as
one holds a spider... over
the first, abhors [hates] you,
and is dreadfully provoked.

He looks upon you as
worthy of nothing else, but
to be cast into the fire... O
Sinner!

Consider the fearful danger
you are in... You hang by a
slender thread and the
flames of divine wrath
[anger] flashing about it,
and ready every moment to
sing it and burn it
asunder...

But this is the dismal fate of
every soul... that has not
been born again...

- Jonathan Edwards from “Sinners
in the Hands of an Angry God
(1741)”

Instructions: The document to the left is an example of a sermon given during the Great Awakening. Please read the following questions and provide supporting details from the text or historical background from your packet. Staple your answers and picture to this document.

- 1) What is the purpose of the document?
- 2) What is the tone of the document?
- 3) Describe at least three ways Edwards uses figurative language or imagery in the sermon?
- 4) Provide two theories about what the Great Awakening tried to accomplish after reading this sermon.
- 5) Draw an illustration that represents this sermon.