**Star Trek “Darmok” & Gilgamesh Response Questions:**

**Directions:** Formulate some answers to the following five questions (2 points per). Your answer should reflect a decent amount of thought regarding the prompt; while this, by no means should be a long assignment, your work should be about a short paragraph per question prompt.

You may hand write your answers in black ink or type and print out your work.

1. How do the members of the alien race communicate? What is complicated about this language?
2. How do Captain Piccard and the Alien Captain Dathon come to communicate? What does this illustrate about human communication?
3. When Counselor Troi makes an allusion to Shakespeare, why is this relevant to grasping the complexity and uniqueness of a culture?
4. Why does Piccard tell the story of Gilgamesh? How might this narrative be seen as universal (i.e. the same principle that governs the concept of Monomyth – one story…)?
5. At the end of the episode, Piccard makes a reference to need a better grasp of our own cultural stories, why does he say this? Why is he right?