*Puritan Poetry Essay*

Write an analytical, formal, multi-paragraph, mechanically correct essay focusing on the poetry of Anne Bradstreet and Edward Taylor.

Use the following information in your work:

**Puritan Literature**

* Serious (life is a moral struggle)
* Every event has a double meaning
  + Real-life, literal meaning
  + Message from God
* Writing was true-to-life (honest, logical)

**Seven Tenets of Puritan Religion**

* God rules all.
* Everything is predetermined by God.
* God directly intervenes in the world.
* All men are born in sin and deserve damnation.
* The “Elect” are saved by God’s grace.
* Man should reform himself, not social institutions.
* God is revealed in the Bible.

Your essay should focus on “The Puritan Effect.” Consider AND include:

* How did the tenets of Puritanism show themselves in the three poems? (Use at least four examples.)
* How are all three of the characteristics of Puritan Literature present? (Use each characteristic AND refer to each poem.)

Remember that a paragraph is a group of sentences all having to do with the same topic. When you move on to a new topic, move on to a new paragraph.