I. Introduction

A. Thesis Statement: Michael Wigglesworth uses theme and imagery to scare his readers into converting into Purism.

II. Theme

A. Religion

B. Apocalypse

III. Imagery

1. Judgement Day
2. Fear

C. Death

IV. Conclusion

1. His creativity and choice of words successfully captivated Judgement Day and scared his readers.

My thesis would be how Michael Wigglesworth’s “The Day of the Doom” uses literary devices such as imagery to scare his readers into converting into Purtism. I will be exploring themes and imagery of Michael Wigglesworth “The Day of Doom.” The theme of the poem is obviously the Apocalypse because he is describing judgement day from God based off the Book of Revelation. Another theme I notice is judgement, because God is using judgement to determine who gets to go to heaven or not.

He uses bible verses to tell the story in the poem which could also be the imagery. I am lucky to have that already labeled for me in each line of the stanzas, so I will be looking up those bible verses online. Almost every line in the poem uses imagery so I would have plenty to type about like how God is doing his judgement and people getting punished by the Devil. My conclusion will be how Wigglesworth was able to use detailed imagery to describe how Judgement Day will be. It had became very popular rivaling “The Way of Wealth” by Benjamin Franklin and he gained a faithful fanbase.