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**Dante Alighieri**  
*The Divine Comedy*

1. When and where was Dante Alighieri born? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What were the Guelphs and the Ghibelines? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who did the Ghibelines favor? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who did the Guelphs support? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Since the Guelphs could not unify the city-state, they divided into the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Where was Dante educated? Why is this significant? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Who did Dante come into contact with while at the university? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Summarize the paragraph that starts with "Soon, however..."  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What is the *Divine Comedy*? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Who guides him on this journey? \_\_\_\_\_

11. What is significant about her name? \_\_\_\_\_
12. The *Inferno* is the first of \_\_\_\_\_ parts of the \_\_\_\_\_
13. When does it begin and end? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What journey does it take the reader on? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. The *Divine Comedy* is composed of \_\_\_\_\_ parts.
16. And consists of \_\_\_\_\_ cantos.
17. The verse form Dante uses is \_\_\_\_\_
18. Over how many days does the *Divine Comedy* take place? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Where is Dante lost? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Who takes him on his journey? \_\_\_\_\_
21. What do the various sinners and punishments they suffer serve as for  
Dante? \_\_\_\_\_
22. How is the Circle of Hell organized? \_\_\_\_\_
23. What happens the farther down Dante descends?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
24. Who is in Limbo? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
25. Who comes after them? \_\_\_\_\_
26. What separates them? \_\_\_\_\_
27. What is the river of Phlegethon made of? \_\_\_\_\_
28. Who carries Dante and Virgil down the precipice? \_\_\_\_\_
29. Where is Lucifer? \_\_\_\_\_
30. Who is in his mouth? Why are they there? \_\_\_\_\_

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31. Summarize the paragraph about Purgatory

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32. Paraphrase the paragraph about Paradise

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33. What does vernacular mean?

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