

# PERSUASIVE ESSAY; SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

**TASK:** Students will write a 400-700 essay on an issue related to the separation of church and state in contemporary public schools. (see list of topics below)

**REQUIREMENTS:** Essays should be typed and double-spaced, using a 10 or 12 point normal font such as New York, Times, Helvetica etc.

- Papers do not need a title page; however, they should list the first and last name of the student at the top, the period, instructor's name and the date.
- Students should attach any research articles that are used or cited. Evidence of plagiarism is grounds for failure x2.

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## LIST OF TOPICS:

- Prayer in School; Should it be Allowed? Should it be Prohibited?
- Religious Clubs: Should they be Allowed? Should they be Prohibited?:
- A Moment of Silence; Should it be Allowed? Should it be Prohibited?
- Prayer at Graduation: Should it be Allowed? Should it be Prohibited?
- Prayer at Athletic Events: Should it be Allowed? Should it be Prohibited?
- The Jefferson Bible: Should it be Read in Schools? Should it be Prohibited?
- Tax Benefits for Religious Charities Should they be Allowed? Should they be Prohibited?:
- In God We Trust: A Violation of the Doctrine of Religious Liberty?
- One Nation Under God: A Violation of the Doctrine of Religious Liberty?
- Religion in the Classroom: Should it be Taught? Should it be Prohibited?
- Muslim Women and Head Scarves: Should they be Allowed? Should they be Prohibited?:
- Muslim Prayers in Public Schools: Should it be Allowed? Should it be Prohibited?
- Bible as Literatura: Should it be Taught? Should it be Prohibited?

Other topics allowed with approval of instructor (only)

DUE DATE:

## GRADING CRITERIA:

- Quality of Ideas
- Structure and Organization
- Use of Language
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