

The Reformation Final Exam

1. What is your best reason for asserting that Ben Franklin wasn't a Christian?
(2 points)
2. What is the Jefferson Bible? How does this reflect the ideas of the Enlightenment?
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3. Identify three key pioneers of the Enlightenment.
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5. What "thought experiment" does Descartes use to get rid of all the things he thinks he knows for certain but doesn't really? What's the one thing he finds that he thinks he can know for certain?
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6. Name one of the first two men to argue for religious freedom as a fundamental right (Hint: Don't say John Foxe).
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7. Compare Locke's view with Hobbes's view of man in a state of nature.
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9. List five "causes of American discontent" enumerated by Franklin.
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10. What is unique about David Brainerd's method of evangelizing Native Americans? Why might this approach be more biblical than, say, Billy Graham's method?
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11. List some of the indications in *Paradise Lost* that Adam and Eve had “begun to fall” before they ate the fruit.

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12. Who or what should be sovereign in the political structure, according to Rousseau in *The Social Contract*? How does he define this sovereign? What is the problem with this sort of sovereign, from a Christian perspective?

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13. What was Thomas Paine’s worldview? How does he contradict his worldview in *Common Sense*? How does Paine recommend Americans should remind themselves that America’s political system and laws are based on scripture?

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13. (Answer on a separate sheet of paper) Explain Pascal’s Wager. Why does this part of *Pensees* NOT reflect Pascal’s epistemology? Why is his discussion of the “plank experiment” a much better reflection of his epistemology?

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