

WELCOME TO WORLD RELIGIONS

w/ Mr. Radcliff

Thursday,
September 3rd, 2020



Class starts at **11:45**.
Enjoy A-Lunch!!

Upcoming:

Present Supreme Court today!!
Religion on the Calendar on Tuesday
Religion & 9/11 on Thursday

This Semester:

Eastern Religions!!

The Burning Question:

How has the Supreme Court treated religion?

Today's Agenda

- No Kickstarter
- **Collaborate** - 15 Minutes With Your Group
- **Present** - Supreme Court Cases
 - **Take Notes** - On What You Need
- **Create** - Reflection Journal
- No Final Word Today



HW: Finish your
Reflection Journal

No Exam This Unit!

You're Welcome

Weekly Schedule

- **Tuesday (17)** - Intro / Religious vs Spiritual / Establishment Clause
 - HW - None!!
- **Thursday (19)** - Basic Vocab / Situated Perspectives / Misunderstandings
 - HW - Start Worldview Autobiography (Due 8/28)
- **Monday (24)** - Galtung's Typology of Violence
 - HW - Finish Worldview Autobiography! (Due 8/28)
- **Wednesday (26)** - Deep Story & Narrative
 - HW - Finish Worldview Autobiography! (Due 8/28)
- **Friday (28)** - Religion in the News
 - HW - None!!
- **Tuesday (1)** - Religion in the Supreme Court
 - HW - Finish Supreme Court Presentations!
- **Thursday (3)** - Religion in the Supreme Court Part II
 - HW - Finish Your Reflection Journal
- **Tuesday (8)** - America's Religious Calendar
- **Thursday (10)** - September 11th & Religion
- **Monday (14)** - Donald Trump & Christianity
- **Wednesday (16)** - America's Religious Demographics

Take Attendance **KICKSTARTER**

Ain't Nobody Got Time For Dat



Answer on Schoology

Take Attendance **KICKSTARTER**

Let's see the results



Answer on Schoology

15 Minutes Maximum to Get Ready for Presentations. We will go in this order.

Make sure you shared with sean.radcliff@d214.org because I'll run the slides.

- **Group 3 - Sherbert v. Verner (1963)**
- **Group 2 - Wisconsin v Yoder (1972)**
- **Group 1 - Lemon vs Kurtzman (1979)**
- **Group 4 - Employment Division v. Smith (1990)**
- **Group 5 - Church of the Lukumi Babalu Aye v. City of Hialeah (1993)**

When watching these presentations, you're probably going to want to take notes.

Instead of turning in notes, you'll turn in a reflection journal (see [Supreme Court Reflection Journal on Schoology](#))

Supreme Court Reflection Journals

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Assignment

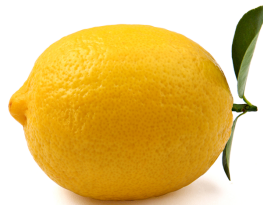
- Reflect on the court cases you heard, including:
 - What did you agree with? What did you disagree with? Explain.
 - Did you find any consistent threads? How were some of the cases similar or united?
 - Did you find any inconsistencies? How were some of the decisions different or contradictory?
 - How do narratives play a role in this?
 - How does situated perspective play a role in this?
 - Do these cases show that America has a separation between church & state? Or do they show that the wall is a myth?
 - Any other interesting places you want to take it.
- This can be fully written or you can get visual with it.
- See the examples on the next two slides

Mr. Radcliff - Example 1

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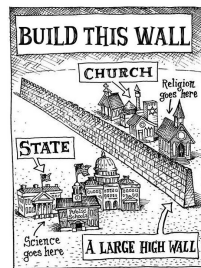
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Lemon Test

1. Secular Purpose?
2. Advance or restrict religion?
3. Excessive government involvement in religion?



Does this exist?



Mr. Radcliff - Example 2

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Student Journals

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You will lose major points if you mess with another person's slide.

James Alcantar

**And now the
presentations...**

**Sherbert v Verner
(1963)**

The Sherbert Test

1. Has the religious freedom of a person been infringed by government action?
2. If so, is there a “compelling state interest” to justify it?
3. Is there any other way the government can be satisfied without restricting freedom?

Wisconsin v Yoder (1972)

Lemon v Kurtzman (1979)

The Lemon Test

1. Does the action/law have a secular purpose?
2. Does it advance or inhibit religion?
3. Does it require excessive government entanglement with religion?

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of the time to
work on your
reflection
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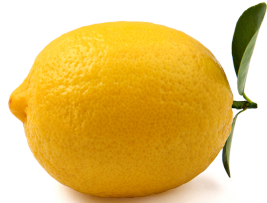
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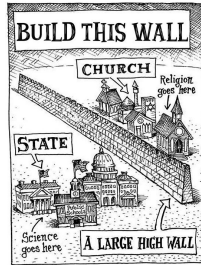
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THE FINAL WORD

What is one word that represents what you learned or how you feel?