



Question Guide

TJ, TSL, Hawthorne and Religious Freedom in America

Names:

Directions: Explore answers and possible conclusions to following questions. List source and page numbers for each question.

Review Questions

1. Why does Jefferson place so much importance on religious freedom in America?
2. How does Jefferson feel about clergy?
3. What events in American history shaped Jefferson's views on religion? Give specific examples.

New Territory

1. Where do Hawthorne's views and TJ's converge; where do they differ (if either at all)?
2. How do the events in TSL expose the problems America faced in its early years regarding religion?
3. Why is Nathaniel Hawthorne's family history significant to this novel and religious freedom in America? (Is it at all?)
4. List specific examples and passages in TSL which show critical views of clergy. Using these passages as evidence explain how Hawthorne probably felt about clergy.
5. List specific examples and passages in TSL which show critical views of the "religiously pious." Using these passages as evidence explain how Hawthorne probably viewed these "sorts" of people. Why?
6. List specific examples and passages in TJ Writings which show critical views of clergy. Using these passages as evidence explain how Jefferson felt about clergy.
7. List specific examples and passages in TJ Writings which show critical views of the "religiously pious." Using these passages as evidence explain how Jefferson probably viewed these "sorts" of people. Why?
8. **Challenge:** Discuss whether women play a significant role in the area of religion in TSL. In TJ?
9. Develop two possible essay topics, including main points for body paragraphs. Be prepared to present these ideas to the class.