

## Explanation: Religion and Science

- Take out your notebook
  - Write the following at the top of a fresh page:
    - **Reflection Question: Explanation, Religion, and Science**
    - Today's Date: **October 29<sup>th</sup>**
  - Read the following questions and write detailed answers to them
    - Write the question and then write the answer
    - Explain how you're thinking about your answer and use examples
    - Try to think about how someone who has a different view than you might answer the question and how you would respond to them
1. Think about the idea that it's reasonable to have confidence in something if it provides the best explanation for our questions. How similar and/or different are religion and science?
  2. Do you think it's appropriate to teach religion in schools? Why or why not? What about science? Why or why not?
  3. Do you think the similarities and/or differences between religion and science have changed throughout human history? Why do you think the way you do?
  4. How similar and/or different do you think Religion and Science are to Philosophy?

## **Reflection Questions: Hotdogs, Sandwiches, Wars and Games**

- Take out your notebook
  - Write the following at the top of a fresh page:
    - **Reflection Question: Hotdogs, Sandwiches, Wars, and Games**
    - Today's Date: **October 22/October 23**
  - Read the following questions and write detailed answers to them
    - You will summarize these answers (after we share and discuss them) to answer Notes Questions 1-4. So, don't write these answers in your Notes Answers yet
    - You do not need to rewrite the questions below; just write your answers.
1. **Is a hotdog a sandwich?** Explain your answer in detail. Explain how you know this.
  
  2. **What do you think the definition of a sandwich is? What are some definitions of sandwich that you think are wrong?** Explain your answer in detail. Explain how you would respond to someone who disagrees with you.
  
  3. **Is war a game?** Explain your answer in detail. Explain how you know this.
  
  4. **What do you think the definition of game is? What are some definitions of game that you think are wrong?** Explain your answer in detail. Explain how you would respond to someone who disagrees with you.

## **Reflection Questions: Theoretical Virtues, Lies, and Faith**

- Take out your notebook
  - Write the following at the top of a fresh page:
    - **Reflection Question: Theoretical Virtues, Lies, and Faith**
    - Today's Date: **November 10**
  - Read the following questions and write detailed answers to them
    - Write the question and then write the answer
    - Explain how you're thinking about your answer and use examples
    - Try to think about how someone who has a different view than you might answer the question and how you would respond to them
1. In class I compared thinking about Theoretical Virtues to being a customer with money and some problems. Describe that comparison.
  2. At the end of the "Explanation and Causation" Presentation, there is a diagram of Rational Thinking. Draw this diagram and fill it in with your own example.
  3. Is it morally permissible and/or good that adults lie to their children about Santa? Under what conditions is it morally permissible and/or good that adults lie to their children?
  4. Is it morally permissible and/or good that the government or corporations lie to adults?
  5. Compare and contrast deciding to enter the Experience Machine and deciding to lie to your children about Santa. What would you say to someone who says that if you think you would lie to your children about Santa, you should also go into the Experience Machine?
  6. Suppose that you discovered that the universe only began five minutes ago. How would you react? Do you think that discovery would matter (in general or to you personally)?
  7. What do you think the definition of "faith" is? Describe how "faith" is related to some of the following:
    - a. Trust, Confidence, Loyalty, Hope, Strength, Myth, Evidence, Argument, Explanation
  8. Describe how faith works (if at all) in Scientific, Historical, Religious, and Philosophical explanations.