

U.S. Religious History Essay Guidelines

Religion and Society

Winter 2010

Due: January 27, 2010. Length: 3-5 pages.

Central to Garry Wills' argument in *Head and Heart* is the following: "The emphasis of Enlightened religion is on the head. The emphasis of Evangelicals is on the heart. These form the two poles of American religion in the dominant (Protestant) culture" (3).

In your religious history essay, take a position that these two poles interacted with each other in some specific way (and describe this specific way) in US history during the colonial and revolutionary eras. To support your position, draw upon **at least two** of the relevant texts we have read to this point: Wills, Paine, Hawthorne, and Armstrong. As always, provide proper citations and a "Works Cited" list at the end of your essay.