



Framers' Debates on Religion

Discussion Questions for Lessons I, II, III

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1. What was your proposed religion amendment to the First Federal Congress at the beginning of Bill of Rights debates? Explain your reasons for your proposal. (See Lesson II, Step 3 at Utah3Rs.org)
2. How does your proposed amendment respond to questions about the government's relationship with religion at the time? Recall: These are the questions the delegates to the First Federal Congress considered about religion:
 - a. Should Congress be banned from making any laws concerning religion?
 - b. If Congress can make laws concerning religion, should all states in the Union be covered by the same law?
 - c. Should Congress be able to require codes of religious behavior to ensure virtuous citizens?
3. What do you think are the most significant changes to the proposed amendment about religion during the debates? (Lesson II, Step 8 at Utah3Rs.org)

Discussion Questions for Lesson III

1. Did any of the parts about religion in the Utah state constitution surprise you? If so, why? (Lesson III, Step 3 at Utah3Rs.org)
2. What are some ways you might apply the 3Rs Framework to how you interact with others in your community? (Lesson III, Step 5 at Utah3Rs.org)
3. How can a decisionmaker's mindset about history inform how you engage in your community today? (Lesson III, Step 5 at Utah3Rs.org)
 - a. How did the decisions of the congressmen in the First Federal Congress influence the protection of the rights of conscience today?
 - b. How did the decisions of the delegates to the Utah constitutional convention influence protections of the rights of conscience today?
 - c. How could it have turned out differently?