

Lesson 9

Questions

Directions: You need to answer 4 questions from 1-9. **You must answer #9.** Please number your answers on your submission with the same number as below

1. In what kind of society would you prefer to live? A large urban society; a small rural society; some safe suburb; a bustling commercial city; a quiet, more or less homogeneous town in which people more or less share the same values; a multiethnic neighborhood with many different peoples?
2. Do you believe in the death penalty for the most heinous crimes? Why or why not?
3. Should shelter for the homeless be provided at government (that is, taxpayer) expense? Should this be undertaken at the federal, state, or local level? If you say, "none of the above," what do you think should be done about the problem?
4. What is justice? What aspects of our society make it a just society? What aspects of our society are unjust?
5. Are there any reasons for paying one person less than another for the same measurable productivity?
6. Do you believe that "all men [and women] are created equal"? What does this mean? In what respects are they equal?
7. Before the legal abolition of slavery, was it morally legitimate to own slaves? Why or why not?
8. Do you think African-Americans made significant progress in their struggle for equality? Do you think that greater integration could help race relations in this country? Do you think voluntary segregation could be as effective? Why or why not?

Read the following article on the idea of Presentism: <https://www.historians.org/research-and-publications/perspectives-on-history/may-2002/against-presentism>
<https://www.encyclopedia.com/history/dictionaries-thesauruses-pictures-and-press-releases/presentism>

9. Do you think it is fair to judge people's actions from the past based on the present day? (for example: people owning slaves in the 1700's, discrimination of women in the 1800's, etc.) Use the links above to help defend your position.