

Civics: A Christian Worldview. Poem Rewrite (10-15 minutes)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY

Instructions

1. **Objective:** Students solidify their understanding of several Bible passages about Civics by rewriting two of them as four-line poems.
2. Print a copy of Page 2 for each student, and hand out.
3. Read “Here’s your mission” together, and answer any questions.
4. Give students 10-15 minutes to choose two Bible passages and rewrite as four-line rhyming poems.
5. Students read their poems in class. (Ask for volunteers! Make sure everyone has a chance to share at least one poem, and if students want to share more than one, let them if time permits!)
6. **NOTE:** Encourage students to have fun with this activity, and feel free to even use a little humor in their poems, BUT don’t let this sink into becoming a total joke or sacrilegious, of course.

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Here are several Bible passages we've reviewed about Christian "citizens of heaven" and "subjects on earth":

"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well" (1 Peter 2:13-14).	"Put them [Christians] in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, to speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men" (Titus 3:1-2).
"Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, 'We ought to obey God rather than men'" (Acts 5:29).	"Now therefore ye are...fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God" (Ephesians 2:19).
"For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil...for he [the ruler] is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil" (Romans 13:3).	"For our conversation [citizenship] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20).
"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach [shame] to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).	"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God...." (Romans 13:1).

Here's your mission:

1. Choose **two** of the above verses/passages, and rewrite each as a four-line poem in the blank lines below!
2. You have two choices for your rhyme scheme: (a) make **Lines 1 and 2 rhyme, AND Lines 3 and 4 rhyme**, OR (b) make only **Lines 2 and 4 rhyme**, and don't worry about rhyming Lines 1 and 3.
3. Make sure your poems **sum up the main point(s)** of the two verses you choose!
4. **Have fun with this!** If you can think of some clever rhymes or things to say, or insert some humor into your poems, go ahead! (Just make sure you accurately sum up what the verses you chose are saying, and be respectful about the Scriptures.)
5. **Suggestion:** When you decide on two verses, write a brief summary (not a poem!) of each one (use the back of this page if you want), then use those summaries to create your poems!

Poem 1:

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Line 4 _____

Poem 2:

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Line 4 _____