

THE MEASURING TAPE

A Book of Catholic Principles
and Common Sense
Regarding Government and Citizenship

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QUESTION AND DISCUSSION GUIDE

NOTE: This guide covers three types of questions:

- (1) Questions that require the student to write an answer;
- (2) Questions that require the student to indicate the correct statement; and
- (3) Discussion/Essay questions.

NOTE: Answers for ALL of the first two types of questions are in this booklet.

Guidance is given for SOME essay/discussion questions, where specific answers are desired. where good answers could vary, no suggestions are made.

In all cases where they are given, answers are found under the question in (brackets).

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The Measuring Tape—ANSWER KEY

CHAPTER I ... THE BIG PICTURE

QUESTIONS

1. Name three characteristics of God's Creation.
(Variety, Order, Unity)
2. Give an example of each of these characteristics.
(Multiple species, order of planets, unity with God)
3. Church and State exist to guide mankind into union with: (Christ)
4. Describe how a nation's government is like a gardener.
(Government, like a gardener, helps its citizens to "grow well", protects them from their enemies (bugs, weeds), etc.)

CHAPTER II LOVE OF COUNTRY (PATRIOTISM)

QUESTIONS

1. What is the purpose of patriotism?
(To preserve and build upon what is good in one's country)
2. What is the foundation of patriotism?
(Moral Goodness)
3. What should you love about your country?
(its goodness, and all that is good for it)
4. Name some reasons why Catholics should be proud of their country.
(The goodness of its people, its Catholic history, and its natural beauty)
5. What is evil?
(A lack of something good)
6. Is it patriotic to love what is NOT good in your country?
(NO)
7. What two things should we love above all others?
(God and virtue)
8. How do our nation's enemies seek to weaken it?
(By dividing its people through immorality)

9. Name the two sides that are at war in your country.
(Those with Christ, and those against Christ).

True or False:

10. How does one properly shows love for his country:
b. By supporting ONLY what is good in it?
11. The way to weaken a nation before conquering it, is to get its citizens to desire immorality more than virtue.

— TRUE —

ESSAY/DISCUSSION QUESTION

1. The battle for your country has two sides. How will you know which is the right side for you to be on?
(The side that recognizes Christ as King and is willing to submit to His will).

CHAPTER III ... RIGHTS and JUSTICE

QUESTIONS

1. What is the purpose of a "right"?
(To fulfill one's obligations, or to claim what is owed)
2. What is the foundation of a "right"?
(justice)
3. Do all men and women have the same obligation to do what is right, even if some have more authority than others?
(yes)
4. Is it just to expect more from those who have been given greater talents or authority?
(yes)
5. For what purpose did God give mankind the gifts of free will and intellect?
(God gave mankind these gifts so they could know, love and serve God, and for NO other purpose)
6. Why does God have rights over everything?