

Aim: How does the First Amendment address religion?

Do Now: Which of the following should be allowed?

- An Alabama courthouse displays the Ten Commandments in its lobby.
- A public school's chorus sings Christmas songs at the annual winter concert.
- Followers of the Santeria religion sacrifice animals as part of their religious rituals.
- A public school allows a group of students to form a "Christian Club." The School pays a \$400 stipend to the club's faculty advisor.
- Members of a religious group practice polygamy.

Homework: Current Events Article #6 – Due tomorrow

First Amendment -Religion

- Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;...
- **Establishment Clause**: the government cannot support any particular religion or religion in general.
 - Thomas Jefferson: It requires a “wall of separation” between Church and State”
- **Free Exercise Clause**: protects a persons right to practice their religion

Allegheny v. ACLU (1989) & Lynch v. Donnelly (1984)

1. How are these cases similar? How are they different?
2. How do you think the Supreme Court should decide in Allegheny v. ACLU (1989)?
3. How do you think the Supreme Court should decide in Lynch v. Donnelly (1984)