

Biblical Worldview I (BWVI) Syllabus—2023-24
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Description: Starting Points is an introductory course in worldview thinking that is designed to enable the student to define, develop, and apply a biblical framework for evaluating and comparing ideas in relation to the basic categories of absolute truth as revealed in the Bible.

Class Meetings:

Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 (Section 1) or 9:00 (Section 2)

Tutor Contact: Feel free to contact me via email (a.cagle@me.com). If you need me immediately, you can text me at: 904.524.1353. I prefer to handle class related questions via email unless it is very time sensitive. Quarterly schedules and other documents for BWVI will be emailed and posted on Weebly. (allencagle.weebly.com)

Please also join the class GroupMe. https://groupme.com/join_group/95439449/Vl4cxLdc

This is for sharing quick information, reminders about assignments, and asking questions. This chat is not for socializing or sharing memes and such. You will be removed from the group if you misuse the chat.

Realistic Expectations for this class: This course is intended primarily for 9th grade student. Students should expect to spend at least **5 hours per week** on this course in addition to class time. Students are expected to complete all reading and written assignments given in the workbook prior to class. Workbook assignments will be checked for completeness at the beginning of each class. In class, we will discuss reading and writing assignments and answer questions. Students will have written assignments in addition to coursework in the text and should be prepared for a weekly quiz.

Goals for this class:

Students will:

- Be able to define the meaning of “worldview” and apply it to everyday life.
- Know and articulate the basic doctrines of the Christian faith.
- Develop a Biblical worldview for their own lives.
- Learn how to identify and evaluate the worldviews expressed in literature and movies and critique them from a Biblical framework.
- Identify and evaluate the ideas that shaped the thinking and actions of the founders of the United States
- Be prepared to study worldviews and the ideas of western thought in depth in subsequent core classes.

Materials used in this course:

- The Bible (I use ESV, but that is not required)
- See booklist here: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/54b978fee4boff95698724ba/t/64b47848973bb558e10do51/1689548872277/2023-24+Core+C+Booklist+Updated+070523.pdf>
- Handouts of supplemental exercises, examples, & resources.

Preparation for this class:

Each student will be expected to bring to class each week:

- The book assigned that day on the pacing guide
- Notebook/Paper
- Bible
- Copy of the up-to-date syllabus in your notebook

Assignments:

- All assignments are expected on the due date indicated on the Quarterly Schedule. Late assignments are subject to grade penalty.
- I will accept assignments up to 2 weeks late, with a letter grade reduction for each week it is late. After 3 weeks, assignments will not be accepted.
- Though not required, typed assignments are appreciated when applicable.
- Please do not turn in your entire Starting Points book for assignments. Either submit a separate document or separate the appropriate pages to turn in from your Starting Points book.
- **(Note: It is recommended that the spine of the workbook be cut off – this can be done at any office supply store – three-hole punched, and placed in a three-ring binder for the class so that assignment pages in the workbook can be turned in for grading.)**

Evaluation Methods:

Grades are determined as follows:

40 percent: Homework (Questions from Reading; other assignments)

30 percent: Quizzes and/or Socratic Circles

30 percent: Essays/Tests

Grading:

A = 100-90 B=89-80 C=79-70 D=69-60 F=59-0