

Final Performance Task Options for Unit 1

Important Information for Both Options

The following are the main ideas you are to understand from this unit. They should appear in this final performance task so your teacher can assess whether you learned the most essential content:

- Christian morality is rooted in God's plan for humanity: human beings were created for communion with God, leading to true love and happiness.
- Obeying God's Eternal Law is the path to true happiness; it is made known through human intellect and Divine Revelation.
- God's plan for how human beings are to live is fully revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.
- The Church assists its members in moral living through the teaching of the Magisterium, the Sacraments, and the Church's law.

Option 1: Three-Panel Advertising Campaign on "The Pursuit of Happiness"

Create a three-panel advertising campaign on the theme "The Pursuit of Happiness." Create your ad on poster board or newsprint. You can work individually or with a partner. Follow these steps in creating the ad:

- Find examples of ads in magazines, newspapers, or electronic media that claim the product will provide the owner with love or happiness. From the themes found in these examples, create an ad for happiness that represents these societal values that claim to bring happiness. This will go on one panel of your advertisement.
- Review the unit readings and resources on the meaning of love and happiness in Christian morality.
- From the themes found in this unit, create an ad for happiness in this life based on the values found in Christian morality. This ad will go on the second panel of your advertisement.
- On a third panel, create an ad for our ultimate happiness in the next life. The ad should emphasize the path God has revealed for reaching our full communion with him in Heaven.
- Submit a 150- to 200-word essay summarizing the significance of God's plan for young people today.

Option 2: Essay on the Rich Young Man (Matthew 19:16–22)

Imagine you are the rich young man who approaches Jesus asking, "What must I do for eternal life?" What does Jesus' response two thousand years ago to the rich young man mean for us today? How would Jesus respond to people living in the United States today? How does his answer provide a path to the pursuit of ultimate love and happiness? Write a 400-word essay on this theme, including the key concepts for this unit. Follow these steps in completing your essay:



- Reread Matthew 19:16–22.
- Review notes from the class presentation on John Paul II’s encyclical *The Splendor of Truth* (*Veritatis Splendor*, 1993), as well as additional class content and discussion.
- Based on what you have learned in this unit, create a first draft of your essay. It should address how you imagine Jesus would answer the question today, “What must I do for eternal life?”
- Review your essay, checking for an understanding of the four main concepts of this unit listed at the beginning of the handout.
- Edit your essay for grammar, spelling, and neat presentation. Complete the essay with a title and the heading required by your teacher.

