

Final Performance Task Options for Unit 1

Important Information for All 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.

- Catholicism encompasses diverse people of every nationality and cultural background, yet its people share common beliefs, practices, and attitudes.
- Reason and Revelation are two gifts God has given humans to know him and his divine plan for us.
- Scripture and Tradition are closely connected modes of Revelation that form a single sacred Deposit of Faith.
- Scripture is the inspired Word of God and shows how God has worked within the people and events of human history to reveal our purpose in life and our path to salvation.

Option 1: Reflecting on the Catholic Faith

Choose this option only if you are Catholic. Reflect on what the Catholic faith means to you, and write a two- to three-page essay addressing the points below. Incorporate the key understandings for this unit and the effect these understandings have on your own Catholic faith. Consider the following to get you started:

- Name the three most important beliefs you hold as a Catholic, and explain why.
- Which Catholic beliefs or practices are hardest for you to explain to someone who is not a Catholic?
- What are the most important ways you can live your Catholic faith?
- What is an aspect of your Catholic faith that you would like to learn more about?

Option 2: My Salvation History

Write a personal story about your own salvation history, comparing your experiences with one of the Scripture accounts discussed in chapter 3 of your student text, “The Bible’s Big Picture.” First, select a Scripture passage and read it carefully. Then write about how God has been present to you, helping you through good times and difficult times, just as he was present to his Chosen People through the triumphs and trials of their lives, as told in Scripture. Be sure to refer specifically to the Scripture passage you chose and to cite verses from the passage, rather than simply referring to a textbook description of the scriptural event. As you write, remember to keep the focus of your story on yourself and your own experience of God’s mercy and work of salvation. However, be sure to also make some pertinent connections with the Scripture account you chose and to the essential understandings for this chapter.



Option 3: Interview a Practicing Catholic

Find someone who is a practicing Catholic whom you can interview, using the questions below. If you are not Catholic and would like to choose this option, you may choose to interview either a Catholic student or a Catholic faculty member. Tell the interviewees that they will remain anonymous. Only the content of the interview may be shared in class. After conducting the interview, summarize it in a one-page report, highlighting key points and insights. Use the following questions as a guide:

- Were you raised in a Catholic family? If yes, how was your family instrumental in your faith formation? If not, what led you to the Catholic faith?
- Who were mentors or examples of faith for you?
- What are the most important aspects for you of being a Catholic?
- How would you describe your Catholic faith to someone who is not Catholic?
- What are some important ways you nurture your faith and your relationship with God?

