



Key Vocabulary

- abandon
- capacity
- cite
- conduct
- contradict
- display
- faith
- function
- impose
- mission
- persist
- previous
- primary
- require
- similar
- structure

Key Idioms and Slang

- born again
- church and state
- golden rule
- live and let live
- preaching to the choir
- protestant work ethic
- self-help
- Sunday school

Key Structure

Learn more about these Americans:

- Thomas Jefferson
- Jimmy Carter
- Martin Luther King Jr.
- Jonathan Edwards

Conversation Starters

- How important is religion in your own life: very important, somewhat important or not very important?
- Do you think Americans today are more religious or less religious than twenty years ago?
- Is your religious practice different from that of your parents? If so how?
- Does your religion encourage people to perform volunteer work? What type of work?
- Does a religious figure (such as a priest) play an important role in your community? If so, who?

Learning Tools - Song

Song

Amazing Grace
Mahalia Jackson

Movie

Dead Man Walking
Starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn

Website

BBC's Religions Page
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/>

