

Mr. Tew
Bible 12th: Apologetics
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Course Description:

In this course we will seek to understand what it means to “think Christianly.” First, we will learn to provide a reasonable defense for the Faith we hold. We will survey historical proofs and arguments for the existence of God. We will discuss our culture’s most significant objections to the Christian Faith in or to provide satisfactory answers. Second, we will practice “thinking Christianly” as we engage with a host of important social issues including sexuality, the environment, art, and entertainment.

Reading List (Mostly Selections):

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel

The Reason for God by Tim Keller

The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoevsky

Various articles from *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *Christianity Today*

Assignments and Grading

This class will be driven by discussion and reading of various texts. You will have assignments for this class weekly. While some assignments may require you to turn something in, a majority of the assignments will be readings. I will *regularly* give small quizzes on reading assignments; often those quizzes will be *unannounced!* If you miss class, it is *your* responsibility to find out what work you need to make up.

Papers and Projects	50%
Quizzes	35%
Homework and Daily Class Participation	15%

Academic Integrity

In keeping with the Honor Code, each student is expected to do his or her own work on each assignment. Misrepresentation of someone else’s work as your own will carry serious consequences, which may include a zero on the assignment, a detention, or any response deemed appropriate by the administration.

Late Work

For minor written homework assignments, due dates must be met unless the student has an excused absence, otherwise no credit will be given. For major assignments (papers or projects), lateness will be penalized at the rate of 11 points per day. If a student is absent for this class but is on campus at different times and attends other classes, it will be that student's responsibility to turn in assigned work for that day before leaving school that day.

Classroom Civility

In this course we will frequently discuss topics which elicit passionate responses. Know that thoughtful Christians have disagreed on almost anything we will address in this class. Remain respectful and humble at all times. Be attentive to your classmates. Listen well and respond appropriately.