

# Historical Scene

## Williams & Winthrop



### EXPLORING THE ISSUE OF CHURCH AND STATE IN THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY

**John Winthrop** as a leader of the Massachusetts Bay Colony wanted the new colony to be seen as a “City upon a Hill;” an example of Christian society in the New World. Massachusetts Bay established Puritanism as the state-supported religion, barred other faiths from conducting services and used the Bible as a legal guide.

**Roger Williams** was a Puritan Minister in Salem who opposed the decision to establish an official religion in the colony and favored toleration of other faiths.

Write a scene between Roger William and John Winthrop arguing the issues of toleration and the separation of church and state. Have your characters defend their beliefs in their dialogue.

Minimum 250 words. 25 available points. Rubric below.

	Masterful	Skilled	Able	Developing	Novice
Grade	A 23-25 points	B 20-22 points	C 18-19 points	D 16-17 points	F Below 15 points
Dialogue and Main Concepts	Engaging and fully developed dialogue focused on historical study applicable to course	Competent and well developed dialogue applicable to coursework	Mostly intelligible ideas; dialogue is weak, unclear or too broad	Mostly simplistic and unfocused ideas; little use of historical context	Ideas are extremely simplistic and show signs of confusion
Supporting Details	Consistent evidence from historical study and current scholarship	Ideas supported sufficiently with sound evidence from historical and current sources	Main points and ideas are only indirectly supported	Insufficient evidence from historical research	Lack of support for main points and frequent generalizations
Creative Process and Structure	Dialogue is well developed. Scene is within 250 word range	Competent dialogue without sophistication. Scene is within 250 word range	Barely organized dialogue around thesis, fewer than 250 words	Unsuccessful organization, simple dialogue and fewer than 250 words	No organization evident and the scene is confusing. Fewer than 250 words
Tone and Presentation of Historical Content	Clear presentation with tone and point-of-view appropriate for assignment	Effective presentation with tone and point-of-view satisfactory	Little or inconsistent presentation and tone not well developed	Shows little or no awareness of appropriate tone	Tone and point-of-view not appropriate for the parameters of the assignment
Grammar	Each sentence structured effectively and powerfully.	Effective and varied sentences. Very few grammatical errors	Tedious sentence patterns. Recurring grammatical errors	Sentences show errors of structure. Grammatical errors	Simple sentences used and many grammatical errors
Vocabulary and Word Usage	Exceptional vocabulary range	Good vocabulary	Ordinary Vocabulary	Errors in usage	Extremely limited vocabulary