

8th Grade Confirmation Essay 2019

There are four parts to your essay. Do exactly what I tell you to do below in the “Grading Rubrics.” Do them all. It is appropriate for your parents to help you. Do not use the internet.

Grading Rubrics

Part 1 – Who are you? ___/15

- ___/5 *Tell me about yourself and your family.*
- ___/5 *Tell me about things you like in school or about school.*
- ___/5 *Tell me about any of your hobbies or things you like to do (like extra-curricular activities).*

Part 2 – What does a Christian look like? ___/20

- ___/10 *Tell me how **you** love God right **now**.*
- ___/10 *Tell me how **you** love your neighbor right **now**.*

Part 3 – What is one of your favorite Bible verses? ___/35

- ___/5 *Quote one of your favorite Bible verses or summarize one of your favorite Bible stories.*
- ___/15 *Explain what it means. Use the notes in your Lutheran Study Bible for help.*
- ___/15 *Explain why you like it and how it applies to you and your life. Use the notes in your Lutheran Study Bible for help.*

Part 4 - What do Christians believe? What is the Gospel? ___/30

- ___/7 *Tell me specifically what the Gospel is.*
- ___/7 *Tell me why the Bible is so important.*
- ___/7 *Summarize the Apostles’ Creed in a few sentences. Include at least one sentence for each article of the creed.*
- ___/9 *Tell me **two** specific things we’ve learned in confirmation and/or Sunday School that are meaningful to you or that you find interesting.*

TOTAL ___/100

Due Dates

February 13 – Rough Draft Due. Type your essay. Print it for me. It should be almost the same as if you were done and ready to present it. After you hand in the rough draft I will go over it and make comments and suggestions for the final draft.

March 20 – Final Draft Due. If there are still some small changes that need to be made, you will have one week to finish them.

We will be having a **Seder/Passover Meal** (what Jesus celebrated with his disciples at the Last Supper) on Sunday, **March 31st** from 4pm to 6pm. This is for parents and 8th grade students only. Parents, if you have a student older than 8th grade who would like to experience a Seder Meal, please let me know well in advance so we have enough food, place-settings, etc. This is also the confirmands first communion. You will read and present your **essays** on **April 6th** during the Saturday night service. Be at church by 6:30pm. **Confirmation** will be on **April 7th**. Be at church by 8:30am. Pictures will also be on Sunday morning following worship.

In Christ,

Pastor Josh

Recap

Seder/Passover Meal/First Communion

Read Essays

Rite of Confirmation

March 31, 4-6pm (please be prompt)

April 6, 6:30pm

April 7, 8:30am