

LESSON PLAN

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This lesson, which comes in the form of a debate, is engineered for students in my senior elective, "The Varieties of History: Theory, Philosophy, and Practice."

The lesson couples a reading from the philosophy of Emile Durkheim with a video of the African American religious experience in the Delta region.

The debate proceeds as follows:

Craft an introduction, central argument, and conclusion which supports one of the following theses:

1. The video of the African American religious experience in the Delta region supports Emile Durkheim's thesis that there is no distinction between religion and society: when the two exist, they are one and the same.
2. The video of the African American religious experience in the Delta region contradicts Emile Durkheim's thesis that there is no distinction between religion and society: when the two exist, they do so in different realms.

Introduction:

Central Argument:

Conclusion: