## **Chapter 12 Writing Assignment**

Complete the following questions to review your critical understanding of the concepts presented in the chapter.

### Know the Facts:

List Emilé Durkheim’s functions of religion and education.

### Understand the Concepts:

Discuss examples of how religion and education are intertwined.

### Apply What You Know:

The sociological imagination can be applied to religion and education. Parents may consider teaching evolution to their children as personal trouble. How is teaching evolution or creationism in public schools potentially a social issue?

### Analyze It:

This chapter has introduced you to the controversial topics of prayer in public schools and the teaching of creationism and evolution. You have also learned about both the positive and negative aspects of religion. From a purely sociological perspective, what are the pros and cons of allowing religion in education?

Are there specific benefits to society in encouraging religiosity among children and youth in schools? Are there specific concerns associated with encouraging one particular religion over another in schools?