

## Handout B: Defining Toleration and Liberty

**Directions:** Read each of the following quotations on toleration and liberty and discuss them with a partner. Then write a complete definition of each term using ideas from the **Handout A: From Establishment to Free Exercise Essay**, the focus quotes below, and your own ideas. Be prepared to share your definitions with the class.

### Quotation A: Toleration

“All men should enjoy the fullest toleration in the exercise of religion, according to the dictates of conscience.” (Mason’s draft for *Virginia’s Declaration of Rights*)

### Quotation B: Liberty

“All men are equally entitled to the full and free exercise of religion according to the dictates of conscience.” (Madison’s amendment to Mason’s draft)

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