

7.54 Weakening of the Catholic Church

Application Activity

Your school's principal has just enacted a policy regarding dress code violations that you believe unfairly targets certain students. You would like to voice your opinion, but are concerned that doing so might label you a troublemaker. Which of the following courses of action should you take?

- A. Ask for an appointment with the principal and explain your concerns about the policy face to face.
- B. Create a pamphlet that outlines your arguments against the new policy and pass it out to students at lunchtime.
- C. Stand on the sidewalk outside the school and, as students leave school for the day, protest loudly against the new policy.
- D. Ask your parents if you can transfer to another school where you know the dress code policy is fairer.
- E. Stay quiet and wait to see if other students are also upset before you start speaking out against the policy.

Now, in a few sentences, explain why you chose that particular course of action.

Complete the chart below by identifying three similarities between the classroom activity and the Catholic Church's selling of indulgences.

Classroom Example	Historical Example
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The school attempted to raise money by selling points to students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students who performed poorly on the quiz or other assignments were told they could still earn high grades by buying points.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students who honored the academic process or couldn't afford to buy points were troubled by the policy, believing it was wrong or unfair.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•