



We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution

QUIZ

Unit One, Lesson 2

“Why did the Founders believe that people needed a government?”

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Vocabulary Matching

Directions: Write the letter of the definition next to the appropriate vocabulary words.

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| 1. consent_____ | a. (noun) the right to live without fear of being injured or killed by others |
| 2. consent of the governed_____ | b. (noun) a phrase meaning a situation in which there is no government, rules, or laws |
| 3. liberty_____ | c. (noun) the right to own things (tangible or not) |
| 4. life _____ | d. (verb) to agree or accept |
| 5. natural rights_____ | e. (noun) a phrase meaning the people agree to obey the laws and the government they create |
| 6. property_____ | f. (noun) an agreement among the people to set up a government and obey its laws |
| 7. social contract_____ | g. (noun) the basic rights as those to life, liberty, and property |
| 8. state of nature_____ | h. (noun) the right to be free; the condition of being free from restriction or control |

Short Answer

Directions: Answer the following questions in the space provided below. If you need additional space, continue your answers on the back of the page.

9. What is a “social contract” and how does it connect to the term “consent of the governed?” If you need more space, continue your answer on the back of this page.

Multiple Choice

Directions: Read the following questions or partial statements carefully. Circle only the best answer for each.

10. Which of the following is **not** a natural right?
 - a. the right to life
 - b. the right to liberty
 - c. the right to property
 - d. the right to vote

11. A “state of nature” is when
 - a. a government abuses your rights.
 - b. there are laws, but no government.
 - c. there are no laws, no rules, no government.
 - d. people live in harmony with the environment and one another.

12. John Locke was
 - a. a Founder who created the term “state of nature.”
 - b. an Englishman and important author who influenced the Founders.
 - c. an American president and author.
 - d. none of the above.

13. The Founders thought the main purpose of government was to
 - a. protect a person’s rights to life, liberty, and property.
 - b. protect its citizens from outside invaders.
 - c. make laws and collect taxes.
 - d. get rid of the king.

14. What would likely **not** happen in a “state of nature?”
 - a. People might try to take away other people’s natural rights.
 - b. People would be forced to respect other people’s natural rights.
 - c. People would have natural rights, but their rights would not be safe.
 - d. It would be hard to live a safe, peaceful, and happy life.

Lesson 2 Answers

1. D 2. E 3. H 4. A 5. G 6. C 7. F 8. B 9. SEE PAGE 19, "WHY DID THE FOUNDERS BELIEVE WE NEEDED A GOVERNMENT?" AND PAGE 20, "REVIEW THE LESSON," QUESTION 4
10. D 11. C 12. B 13. A 14. B