

We the People Hearing Questions Elementary

Lesson/Chapter 2 – Why did the Founders believe that people needed government?

- What did the Founders mean about natural rights and where did they believe these rights came from?

- Describe what the Founders and John Locke believed would happen if people lived in a state of nature without rules and laws. Describe a situation in which you have been which seemed like what the Founders described as a “State of Nature.”

- According to the Founders, how does government get its power and what kind of agreement do people make to establish government?

Lesson/Chapter 4 – What is a constitutional government?

- What kinds of questions about government and the citizens in a society does a constitution answer?

- What is the difference between a constitutional government and a government with a constitution and how does it relate to limits on power?

- After reading about the power of the ship captain in Lesson 4, what limits do you think should be placed on governments by the constitution?

Lesson/Chapter 17 – How does the Constitution protect your right to freedom of expression?

- What are the rights of expression that are protected in America and what do they mean?

- Describe at least two reasons why freedom of expression is important for democracy.

- What types of limits should be placed on people’s right to expression? Give an example of a good reason to limit a person’s right to expression and why you think so.

Lesson/Chapter 18 – How does the Constitution protect your right to freedom of religion?

- Describe the ways that the First Amendment protects the right of freedom of religion.

- What is meant by freedom of belief and what are its limits?

- What is the meaning of and what is the conflict about the establishment of religion?