

We the People Hearing Questions Middle School

Lesson/Chapter 2 – Why do we need a government?

- What are natural rights and where do they come from?
- What would be the advantages and disadvantages of living in a state of nature?
- What is meant by and what is the purpose of a social contract? Is this the best way to create a government? Why or why not?

Lesson/Chapter 3 – What is republican government?

- What are the elements of a republican government and what are its advantages and disadvantages?
- What is civic virtue and when should people give up their interests for the common welfare? Who was the model for civic virtue in Roman times? Why?
- How did the Founders adapt the idea of republican government to the American Constitution?

Lesson/Chapter 23 – How does the Constitution protect freedom of expression?

- What is freedom of expression and why is it important?
- What are some of the benefits of free expression for a democratic government?
- When should free expression be limited? Give an example related to freedom of expression at school.

Lesson/Chapter 24 – How does the Constitution protect freedom of religion?

- Why did the Founders think freedom of religion was important?
- What limits are placed on government as it relates to religion?
- Should the government be allowed to support a religious education?