

Unit: Political Philosophy/Foundations of American Gov	Grade/Subject: 12/Government/Honors	Start date and duration: 8/21 - 8/25
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Performance Assessment:

Create a fictitious dialogue between political philosophers and/or political leaders. The dialogue should be between at least 4 participants. The dialogue should include details about the philosophers or leaders ideas about the nature of power, authority, and government. Well-written dialogues will reflect the voice of individuals living in a previous time period in history and current year, as well as the use of proper grammar and spelling.

Standard(s):

G.1A, G.1B, G.1C, G.1D, G.1E, G.1F, G.6C, G.19A, G.19D, G.20A, G.20B

Vocabulary:

divine right – belief that a monarchy’s power was given to them by the authority of God

limited government –policy of restricting the power of government officials in order to ensure the freedoms of the people

constitution – document outlining the fundamental principles and structures of a government

Social contract theory – in order for man to live in groups, he must give up some of his freedom to the government in exchange for protection of his natural rights.

Unalienable rights – inherent or natural rights possessed by all as a birthright of humanity; ... that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

Overarching Questions, Unit Understandings:

How does a society preserve and perpetuate its values?

What major political philosophies have developed throughout history?

Which political philosophies and political philosophers had the greatest impact on the formation of government in the United States?

What significant political ideas have been contributed by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Ronald Reagan?

What arguments divided the Federalists and Anti-federalists?

How did the debates between Federalists and Anti-Federalists affect the creation of the U.S. Constitution?

What issues of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 were resolved by compromises?

How did the compromises reached at the convention affect the creation of the U.S. government?

Activities & Materials:

Small groups
Discussion
Textbook
Elmo
Projector

Verification: *(Ways for checking student understandings)*

Bellringers
Discussion
Quiz
Kahoot

Differentiation: *(Things that you would do for any student)*

Note-taking assistance/notes
Preferred seating
Proximity
Choice board