

## ***Civics: A Christian Worldview. Civics Tic-Tac-Toe (15-25 minutes)***

### **TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY**

#### **Instructions**

1. **Objective:** Students practice review of Civics concepts, as well as ideas from “*The Law: The Disaster of Legal Plunder*” and “Where Did Government Come From, and Why?” in the form of a Tic-Tac-Toe game.
2. Divide the class into two teams.
3. Print all the pages in this handout for yourself. (No student handouts today!) Use the questions in whatever order you want—the first page, then second, then third...or from pages 1, 2, 3, then 1, 2, 3, again, and so on.
4. Explain to students that they will take turns answering True/False and short answer questions, with correct answers earning an “X” or an “O” on a Tic-Tac-Toe grid you draw on the board.
5. Flip a coin or have one student on each team guess a number from 1 to 10 to see which team goes first.
6. Ask the first player on Team 1 (the team that won the right to go first) a True-False question, and award an “X” or “O” for a correct answer (the student chooses where to put the “X” or “O”). Incorrect answers get no “X” or “O,” of course!
7. Now ask the first player on Team 2 a question, and repeat the process. Give students turns in order.
8. First team to get three in a row wins! (Repeat the process until the questions run out.)

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**Questions/Answer Key – Legal Plunder: True or False?**

1. A law punishing theft, fraud, and vandalism (F)
2. A law using taxes to fund police, courts, and prisons that protect all citizens equally (F)
3. A tariff that raises the price of imported goods in order to protect local producers from competition (T)
4. A tax that collects money from all citizens and gives direct cash payments to a specific industry (T)
5. A law that prevents private citizens from stealing or damaging another person's property (F)
6. A law requiring citizens to pay taxes used to provide financial assistance to a specific group of people (T)
7. A law creating a criminal penalty for embezzling company funds (F)
8. A law limiting how many businesses are legally allowed to operate in an industry (T)
9. A law requiring citizens to purchase a specific good or service from a private company (T)
10. A government bailout funded by taxpayers to prevent a large bank from failing (T)
11. A law taxing current workers in order to provide pensions to retired citizens (T)
12. A law setting a minimum wage that raises pay for some workers, but causes others to lose their jobs (T)
13. A tax credit given only to families with children (T)
14. A law taxing all citizens to fund public schools, including citizens who do not have children (T)
15. A tax on luxury goods used to fund public assistance programs (T)
16. A law requiring all citizens to follow traffic rules in order to protect drivers and pedestrians (F)
17. A mandatory government-run insurance program that redistributes benefits among participants (T)
18. Taxes used to maintain a fair court system that enforces contracts and protects property rights (F)
19. A law that gives government contracts only to approved companies, excluding competitors (T)
20. A law that taxes everyone equally to fund national defense against foreign threats (F)

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**Questions/Answer Key – God and Government: True or False?**

1. Government originated after the flood in response to widespread violence and wickedness. (T)
2. The establishment of capital punishment in Genesis 9 shows that God granted government authority over life and death in certain cases. (T)
3. According to Romans 13, all government authority ultimately comes from God. (T)
4. The Bible teaches that rulers receive their authority only from the consent of the people. (F)
5. Christians should obey government even when it requires disobedience to God. (F)
6. The word “ordained” in Romans 13 suggests that God arranges or allows governments to exist. (T)
7. Resisting government authority is always sinful and never justified. (F)
8. All rulers are personally chosen and morally approved by God. (F)
9. Scripture shows examples of God using non-believing or wicked rulers to accomplish His purposes. (T)
10. God calling Nebuchadnezzar “my servant” means Nebuchadnezzar acted righteously in all his decisions. (F)
11. Proverbs and Hosea suggest that some rulers come to power without God’s approval. (T)
12. The existence of wicked rulers means God is responsible for their evil actions. (F)
13. The Bible condemns rulers who commit injustice, oppression, and violence. (T)
14. God’s plans can be defeated when evil rulers gain power. (F)
15. Paul viewed his unjust imprisonment as something God could use for good. (T)
16. Jesus’ crucifixion is the ultimate example of God bringing good from unjust government action. (T)
17. God controls every action of every ruler at all times. (F)
18. Political peace is proof that a ruler is righteous and approved by God. (F)
19. Christians are encouraged to trust that God can work through unjust governments for His purposes. (T)
20. Romans 8:28 supports the idea that God can bring good even out of injustice and suffering. (T)

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**Questions/Answer Key – Civics Review**

1. How many years does a U. S. senator have to live in the U. S.? (9)
2. What is the definition of *natural-born citizen*? (someone whose parents are both citizens)
3. What is the term for a permit to live in the U. S.? (a green card)
4. How many years does a U. S. representative have to live in the U. S.? (7)
5. How many years does a U. S. president have to live in the U. S.? (14)
6. T/F: If something is legal, it is just. (F)
7. Who is the author of *The Law*? (Frederic Bastiat)
8. According to Bastiat, what is the proper purpose of the law? (to protect life, liberty, and property)
9. What is Bastiat's two-word term for when the law is used to steal? (legal plunder)
10. What word does Bastiat use when the law does the opposite of what it's supposed to do? (perversion)
11. "Universal suffrage" is a term that refers to what right? (the right to vote)
12. What two things do people often do when they're plundered? (fight against it, try to get in on it)
13. Fill in the blank: "\_\_\_ exalteth a nation." (righteousness)
14. What does the Bible word *conversation* mean? (citizenship)
15. Christians are called what two things in this world? (strangers and pilgrims)
16. What did Jesus say his kingdom was not? (of this world)
17. What are Christians to each other, according to the book of Ephesians? (fellowcitizens)
18. Name the two examples of plunder in America, according to Bastiat. (slavery, tariffs)
19. What is another word for the word *evil* that rulers are to punish, according to the Bible? (harm)
20. The 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments all deal with what specific group of Americans? (former slaves)