

Civics: A Christian Worldview.
Civics Connect Four 3 (20-25 minutes)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY

Instructions

1. **Objective:** Students review Civics concepts in the form of a Connect Four game. (This game's questions focus more on material studied since the last game.)
2. Bring to class a Connect Four game.
3. Divide the class into two teams. (Try to make them evenly matched!)
4. 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.
5. Explain to students that they will take turns answering True/False and short answer questions. A team member who answers correctly gets to put a checker in the Connect Four game.
6. Flip a coin or have one student on each team guess a number from 1 to 10 to see which team goes first.
7. Ask the first player on Team 1 (the team that won the right to go first) a question. A correct answer gets a checker; and incorrect answer gets none!
8. Now ask the first player on Team 2 a question, and repeat the process. Give students turns in order.
9. First team to get four in a row wins! (Repeat the process until the questions run out.)
10. How many games to play? Enough to where students all get several chances to answer; you might only play two full games in 20-25 minutes, which is fine!

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Questions/Answer Key – LEGAL PLUNDER: True or False?

1. A state requires all property owners to pay a yearly “community enrichment tax,” and the money is distributed as cash payments to residents who do not own property. (True)
2. A city collects taxes to fund police officers whose job is to arrest thieves and investigate assaults. (False)
3. A federal law places a tariff on imported lumber so local lumber companies can charge higher prices. (True)
4. A town organizes a voluntary fundraiser to help a family whose home was destroyed in a fire. (False)
5. A state starts a fund that pays the college tuition of students who meet government income guidelines. (True)
6. A city charges restaurant owners a special fee and gives the money to selected food trucks to help them “compete.” (True)
7. A church collects voluntary offerings to support widows in the congregation. (False)
8. A state requires every homeowner to purchase flood insurance from a state-approved company, and part of each payment goes to subsidize that company. (True)
9. A town fines a contractor who knowingly used unsafe wiring that caused a house fire. (False)
10. A federal program takes tax money to send monthly checks to citizens who qualify as “underemployed.” (True)
11. A state collects a special tax on gasoline and gives rebates only to citizens who buy electric bicycles. (True)
12. A private charity raises money on its own to build a playground in a poor neighborhood. (False)
13. A law requires all landlords to charge below-market rent to certain tenants, and the state reimburses landlords using taxes from other citizens. (True)
14. A county uses tax revenue to operate a courthouse where disputes can be judged fairly. (False)
15. A state collects a “technology fee” from phone users and gives grants to selected tech startups. (True)
16. A family chooses to share groceries with a neighbor who lost his job. (False)
17. A city collects taxes to operate a jail for those convicted of theft and violence. (False)
18. A state taxes all residents to provide “free” internet service only to low-income households. (True)
19. A group of citizens voluntarily pools their money to start a small private school. (False)
20. A town taxes small shops to provide rent assistance to a large retail chain moving into the area. (True)
21. A judge orders a thief to repay the person he stole from. (False)
22. A state charges a licensing fee for hair braiding that requires 100s of hours of classes at approved schools. (True)
23. A neighborhood association asks for voluntary donations to hire private security patrols. (False)
24. A federal program takes money from taxpayers to forgive the debts of selected borrowers. (True)

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Questions/Answer Key – READING MATERIAL: True or False?

1. Many modern inequalities are caused by “legal plunder.” (True)
2. The law is described as an endless source of goods and services for society. (False)
3. Tariffs, subsidies, and public works jobs are examples of legal plunder. (True)
4. The law can educate people by itself without taking from anyone. (False)
5. Law is an appropriate tool to enforce morality and religion. (False)
6. Socialists are disguise plunder with words like brotherhood and unity. (True)
7. Objecting to government control of something is often twisted into being against the thing itself. (True)
8. Politicians are described as viewing mankind as capable and self-directing. (False)
9. Socialists are portrayed as believing they can mold humanity like clay. (True)
10. “Classical education” often promotes the idea that rulers create progress. (True)
11. Democracy is defined primarily as majority rule. (True)
12. Majorities are nearly always reliable decision-makers. (False)
13. Government schools contribute toward weakening understanding of limited government. (True)
14. Founders like Jefferson and Adams strongly praised democracy as the best system. (False)
15. A republic is more stable because it is limited by law. (True)
16. The Seventeenth Amendment moved the Senate in a more democratic direction. (True)
17. A “banana republic” is a highly stable, liberty-protecting nation. (False)
18. Socialism has a long record of successful results. (False)
19. Ludwig von Mises argued that government planners cannot match the knowledge of markets. (True)
20. Communism is a milder form of socialism. (False)
21. Fascism is defined as the merger of corporate and government power. (True)
22. Statutory law can often become excessive and confusing. (True)
23. Common law is praised for relying on sensible precedent and justice rather than endless written rules. (True)

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Questions/Answer Key – READING MATERIAL (SHORT ANSWER)

1. What term does Bastiat use to describe taking property by means of the law? (legal plunder)
2. What is the proper “negative” purpose of the law according to Bastiat? (prevent injustice)
3. Name one policy listed that hides plunder under good intentions. (tariffs, welfare, education, etc.)
4. What kind of education is blamed for spreading elitist ideas? (classical education)
5. What Greek city/state is described as military and controlled by harsh laws? (Sparta)
6. What Greek city/state is described as commercial and encouraging labor? (Athens)
7. Exodus 23:2 warns individuals not to follow what? (a majority that does evil)
8. What does Bastiat say voters are tempted to do in a democracy? (steal/plunder the minority)
9. What form of government did the founders prefer over democracy? (republic)
10. What amendment made U.S. Senators elected by popular vote? (Seventeenth Amendment)
11. What term describes a tyrant-ruled, unstable nation exporting basic goods? (banana republic)
12. What Austrian economist explained why socialism cannot work? (von Mises)
13. What commandment proves private property exists? (do not steal, do not covet)
14. In Acts, were Christians forced to share property or was it voluntary? (voluntary)
15. What French writer called socialism a form of new serfdom? (Tocqueville)
16. What is another term for extreme socialism? (communism)
17. What book by Marx is called the “bible” of communism? (*Communist Manifesto*)
18. What country formed the first communist state in 1917? (Russia)
19. What type of law is written by legislatures? (statutory law)
20. What type of law relies on precedents from past cases? (common law)
21. What higher standard says laws must protect life, liberty, and property? (natural law)
22. What phrase from the Declaration of Independence refers to God? (Nature’s God)
23. What term is used for judges’ past decisions that guide later rulings? (precedents)
24. What Enlightenment idea did John Adams suggest was higher than biblical revelation? (human reason)
25. What three unalienable rights are listed in the Declaration of Independence? (life, liberty, pursuit of happiness)