

Civics: A Christian Worldview.
Snappy Answers to Civics Questions (15 minutes)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

Prep

Print this page and a copy of Page 2 for each student.

Instructions

1. This activity helps students come up with Biblical, informative answers to civics/government questions asked by hypothetical friends/acquaintances/critics.
2. Hand out Page 2 to students, and read the instructions together.
3. Give students 6-8 minutes to answer the questions **INDIVIDUALLY (students' answers must be 20 words or fewer!)**.
4. Tell students: **“Don’t let anyone see your answers!”**
5. When time’s up, collect the answer sheets.
6. Tell students: **“You’re going to vote for the best, most-accurate, and snappiest-without-being-rude answers to these five questions.”**
7. Read Question #1 out loud, followed by all the answers students wrote to that question.
8. Ask students one at a time to vote for the answer to Question #1 that they thought was the best, and tally up the votes.
9. Announce: **“The winner to Question #1 is [answer here], which was written by...[student name here]!”**
10. Continue with Questions #2 - #5 until all votes are taken.
11. (If you want, you can award bonus points to winners.)

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Come up with an answer to these five questions that a friend/acquaintance/critic asks you about Civics topics we've discussed. Each answer must be...

- (a) snappy (20 words or fewer—feel free to use humor ☺),
- (b) correct/accurate, and
- (c) polite—no rude insults!

The Questions:

1. “Don’t you know that the Bible says in Acts 2:44-45, *And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need?* Then why do you say that socialism and communism are bad forms of government?”

2. “I saw you tell that homeless man ‘No’ when he asked you for some money. What’s wrong with you—don’t you care about the poor? Well? DON’T you?!?!”

3. “Check this out: I’m putting down that \$2000 I spent on eating out this year as ‘education expenses’ on my taxes, so I can deduct that from what I have to pay. They’ll never know, and the government wastes too much of my money anyway, doesn’t it?”

4. “You Christians say that the Bible says that government is supposed to be a ‘terror’ to ‘evil,’ which means ‘harm,’ but how come you don’t support the government’s totally banning alcohol? Doesn’t drinking *harm* the human body?”

5. “Why are you against government-run education? Don’t you want kids to get educated in this country?”

Now, go back and make sure your answers are all 20 words or fewer!