

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview.
Government Hangman 1 (25–35 Minutes)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/PUZZLES/CLUES

Time

30 minutes

Instructions

1. Divide the class in half, to make Team 1 and Team 2.
2. Print out the puzzles/clues on Page 2 to use to create the “hangman letter blanks” on the board.
3. Explain that each puzzle is a clue to an American Government term, person, or idea, and that when the puzzle is solved, the team that solved it has a chance to give the answer to the puzzle clue.
4. Have Team 1 and Team 2 take turns guessing letters, like regular hangman, but make sure that you go around the room for both teams, with students taking turns guessing one letter at a time.
5. Teams get an additional letter guess if a team member guesses a letter found in the puzzle. If a team member guesses a letter not in the puzzle, the other team takes a turn.
6. A team can solve the puzzle at any time. If a player solves the puzzle, the player’s team can get together to give the final answer (the answer to the puzzle/clue). If a team gives the wrong answer, the other team can guess and get the points.)
7. **Scoring (keep an updated score on the board so the class can see):**
 - 1 point for each correct letter guessed
 - 5 points for completing the puzzle
 - 10 points for saying the correct answer to the puzzle
8. Play as many rounds as you have time for, and the team with the higher score wins.

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American Government Hangman 1 Puzzles/Clues/Answers

(Write “hangman letter blanks” for the all-caps clues, then teams give the final answer in bold.)

1. IT’S WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS GOVERNMENTS ARE TO BE TO EVIL
A “TERROR”
2. RULERS ARE SUPPOSED TO EXECUTE THESE TWO THINGS
JUDGMENT AND JUSTICE
3. THE PRESIDENT WHO USED THE TERM “SEPARATION BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE”
THOMAS JEFFERSON
4. THE CHURCH DEALS WITH SINS, AND THE STATE DEALS WITH THESE
CRIMES (VIOLENCE/THEFT)
5. THE COLONY THAT ROGER WILLIAMS FOUNDED
RHODE ISLAND
6. GREEK PHILOSOPHER WHO WROTE “THE REPUBLIC”
PLATO
7. THE “ENLIGHTENMENT” WAS ALSO KNOWN AS “THE AGE OF THIS”
REASON
8. RULE BY A FEW, IN OTHER WORDS
ARISTOCRACY (OLIGARCHY)
9. THIS KIND OF LAW SAYS THAT EVERYONE HAS INHERENT RIGHTS
NATURAL
10. ANCIENT ROOME WENT FROM A REPUBLIC TO THIS
EMPIRE
11. A TERM FOR SOMEONE WHO EXCELS AT MANY KINDS OF DISCIPLINES
RENAISSANCE MAN
12. HE WROTE THE ECONOMICS BOOK “THE WEALTH OF NATIONS”
(ADAM) SMITH