

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview.

Connect Four 1 (20-25 minutes)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY

Instructions

1. **Objective:** Students review American government concepts in the form of a Connect Four game.
2. Bring to class a Connect Four / Four in a Row 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.
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

1. T/F: Government schools usually encourage students to favor larger government control. **True**
2. Christians should judge government ideas by the standard of the _____. **Bible**
3. T/F: Governments are made up of sinful people and are therefore inherently flawed. **True**
4. Philippians 3:20 says a Christian's citizenship is in _____. **heaven**
5. According to the Bible, government exists to punish violence, harm, and _____. **theft**
6. Ezekiel 45:9 says rulers should remove violence and _____. **spoil**
7. The Bible teaches that rulers should execute what two things? **Judgment, justice**
8. Leviticus 6 required thieves to repay stolen goods plus _____ percent. **20**
9. Romans 13 says rulers are a terror not to good works, but to _____. **evil**
10. T/F: In Romans 13, "evil" refers mainly to sinful attitudes. **False**
11. T/F: Hosea 8:4 states that some rulers come into power without God's approval. **True**
12. John Locke said no one ought to harm another in his life, health, liberty, or _____. **possessions/property**
13. Bastiat called immoral government theft legal _____. **plunder**
14. T/F: John Stuart Mill believed government should prevent harm to others, not control private morality. **True**
15. The phrase "separation between church and state" came from a letter written by _____. **Thomas Jefferson**
16. T/F: The First Amendment prohibits Congress from establishing a national religion. **True**
17. T/F: 1 Corinthians 5 teaches that Christians should judge and discipline members inside the church. **True**
18. T/F: The apostles attempted to create a "Christian government" that enforced inward sins. **False**
19. Romans 12 tells Christians to overcome evil with _____. **good**
20. T/F: God Himself separated the functions of church and state. **True**
21. Roger Williams founded the colony of _____. **Rhode Island**
22. William Penn established Pennsylvania as a haven of religious _____. **freedom**
23. Romans 13:1 says believers should be subject unto the higher _____. **powers**
24. T/F: 1 Timothy 2 commands Christians to pray for rulers and those in authority. **True**
25. First Peter 2:17 says Christians should honor the _____. **king**
26. James Madison wrote, "If men were _____, no government would be necessary." **angels**
27. T/F: The Bible teaches that earthly governments exist partly because mankind is sinful. **True**
28. John 18:36 says Christ's kingdom is not of _____. **This world**

29. T/F: Ancient Greek philosophers emphasized reason and questioned absolute government power. **True**
30. Rule by one in its corrupt form becomes a _____. **dictatorship (or something that means the same thing)**
31. T/F: Aristotle warned that democracy could become mob rule. **True**
32. T/F: Thomas Jefferson compared Christ's miraculous birth to pagan myths. **True**
33. Edward Gibbon wrote *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman* _____. **Empire**
34. A republic is governed through elected or appointed _____. **representatives**
35. The Renaissance elevated the importance of the _____. **individual**
36. Benjamin Franklin was considered a type of "Renaissance _____." **Man**
37. T/F: Reformers such as Luther and Calvin sometimes used government force to enforce religion. **True**
38. T/F: 1 Timothy 2:5 teaches there is one mediator between God and men. **True**
39. Niccolò Machiavelli wrote the famous political book *The* _____. **Prince**
40. The Enlightenment is often called the Age of _____. **reason**
41. Many Enlightenment thinkers elevated human reason above _____. **God's Word**
42. Adam Smith wrote what economics work in 1776? ***The Wealth of Nations***
43. Montesquieu supported separating the legislative, executive, and _____ branches. **judicial**
44. T/F: Combining the powers to write, enforce, and judge laws can lead to tyranny. **True**
45. What was signed in 1215 by King John? **Magna Carta**
46. T/F: English common law relied heavily on precedents and circuit-riding judges. **True**
47. The word that means "repaying a victim for losses or damages" is _____. **restitution**
48. What are the two parts of the British Parliament? **House of Lords and House of Commons**
49. T/F: The Virginia Charter promised colonists the liberties of English subjects. **True**
50. What became the first permanent English settlement in the New World? **Jamestown**
51. T/F: The Virginia Charter placed the colony under the authority of King James I. **True**
52. The phrase habeas corpus means "Have the _____." **body**
53. T/F: The Habeas Corpus Act tried to prevent rulers from imprisoning people indefinitely without trial. **True**
54. T/F: The Second Amendment resembles the English Bill of Rights' protection of bearing arms. **True**
55. T/F: Oligarchy is the corrupt form of rule by a few. **True**
56. T/F: Romans 13 calls rulers ministers of God to execute wrath on evildoers. **True**