

American Government: A Christian Worldview – Quiz 5

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A. To explain why the colonies were separating from England
B. To establish a national constitution
C. To create a new system of taxation
D. All of these
- _____ 3. According to the Declaration, governments derive their just powers from whom?
A. The king
B. The consent of the governed
C. The legislature
D. God
- _____ 4. The Declaration says that if a government becomes destructive the people have a right to _____.
A. alter or abolish it
B. reform it gradually
C. ignore it
D. appeal to foreign nations
- _____ 5. What final action does the Declaration take in Section 24?
A. Requests negotiation
B. Appeals to Parliament
C. Declares the colonies independent states
D. Establishes a new constitution
- _____ 6. What did some state constitutions require of officeholders?
A. Wealth qualifications
B. Religious beliefs or affirmations
C. Military experience
D. College education
- _____ 7. What is one way the states demonstrated they were independent nations?
A. Creating a shared army
B. Drafting their own constitutions
C. Writing a national constitution
D. Electing a president
- _____ 8. What did the Treaty of Paris recognize about the states?
A. They were free and independent states.
B. They were under British protection.
C. They were colonies again.
D. They were under a new U.S. government.
- _____ 9. According to Jefferson, how should religious belief be formed?
A. By government authority
B. By church leaders
C. By tradition alone
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A. Civil rights depend on religion
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