

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview.
Government Hangman 2 (30 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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(Write “hangman letter blanks” for the all-caps clues, then teams give the final answer in bold.)

1. THIS IS THE YEAR THE MAGNA CARTA WAS SIGNED
1215
2. THE KIND OF LAW SPREAD BY CIRCUIT-RIDING JUDGES
COMMON
3. A PREVIOUS DECISION ON A SIMILAR CASE
PRECEDENT
4. A LAW THAT IS PASSED BY A LEGISLATURE
STATUTORY
5. BOTH PARTS OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS, HOUSE OF LORDS
6. THIS RIGHT MEANS YOU GET A SPEEDY TRIAL, NOT JAILED INDEFINITELY
HABEAS CORPUS
7. GOVERNMENT TYPE WITH APPOINTED OR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES
REPUBLIC
8. THE FIRST FORMAL DOCUMENT TO USE THE TERM “UNITED STATES”
THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
9. THE NUMBER OF FRENCH AMBASSADORS AT THE TREATY OF PARIS
13
10. HE WROTE THE VIRGINIA STATUTE FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
THOMAS JEFFERSON
11. WHY MANY BIG-GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS DISLIKED THE ARTICLES OF
CONFEDERATION
IT DIDN’T CREATE A POWERFUL, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
12. GOVERNMENT TYPE THAT MADISON SAID WAS VIOLENT AND UNSTABLE
DEMOCRACY