

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview.
Snappy Answers to Government Questions, Part 8 (25–30 Minutes)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

Goal

This activity helps students come up with Biblical, informative answers to government questions asked by hypothetical friends/acquaintances/critics/random strangers who accost them on street corners.

Instructions

1. Read the instructions together.
2. Give students 12–15 minutes to answer the questions INDIVIDUALLY (**reminder: students' answers must be 20 words or fewer!**). You can go a few minutes over the suggested time limit if the students are really getting into their answers, of course!
3. Tell students: **“Don’t let anyone see your answers!”**
4. When time’s up, collect the answer sheets.
5. Tell students: “You’re going to vote for the best, most-accurate, and snappiest-without-being-rude answers to these five questions. **DO NOT VOTE FOR YOUR OWN ANSWERS.**”
6. Read Question #1 out loud, followed by all the answers students wrote to that question.
7. 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.
8. Announce: “The winner to Question #1 is [answer here], which was written by [student name here]!”
9. Continue with Questions #2 – #5 until all votes are taken.
10. (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 American government topics we've discussed. Each answer must be...

- (a) snappy (**20 words or fewer**),
- (b) correct/accurate, and
- (c) polite—no rude insults (but feel free to use humor to make your point ☺).

The Questions:

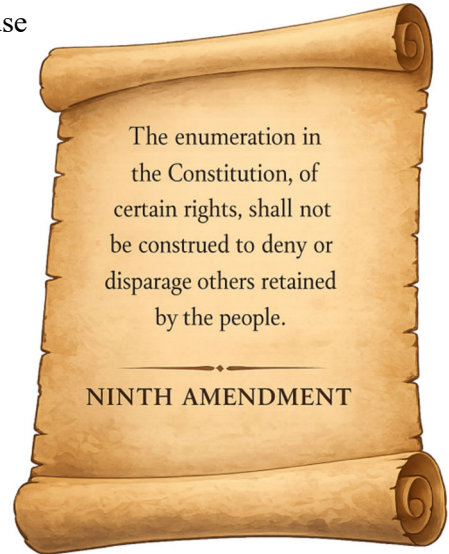
1. "The police shouldn't need a search warrant to search you or your house or car. If you've got nothing to hide, what's the big deal?"

2. "Yeah, I know you're on trial, but why don't you just get up on the witness stand and let the prosecutor question you if you're not guilty? I mean, what's the worst that could happen?"

3. "Just throw those guys in jail or execute them. They don't need a trial; they're *terrorists*, aren't they?"

4. "How can a 'jury of his peers' help that lady out? I know she's not guilty, but look at how many millions of dollars the government is spending on high-priced lawyers and witnesses against her?"

5. "Could you explain to me what the Ninth Amendment means?"



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