

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview.
Government Hangman 7 (30–35 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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(Write “hangman letter blanks” for the all-caps clues, then teams give the final answer in bold.)

1. THE TERM THAT MEANS JUDGES DETERMINE IF A LAW IS CONSTITUTIONAL
JUDICIAL REVIEW
2. THIS BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INTERPRETS THE LAW
ALL OF THEM (NOT “THE SUPREME COURT”!)
3. ONE WAY CONGRESS CAN “CHECK” A PRESIDENT
IMPEACH HIM/VOTE HIM OUT, OVERRIDE HIS VETO WITH A 2/3 MAJORITY
4. HE VETOED A “BONUS BILL” ON HIS LAST DAY IN OFFICE
JAMES MADISON
5. JOHN MARSHALL SAID CONGRESS COULD ESTABLISH A NATIONAL BANK DUE TO THIS KIND OF POWERS
IMPLIED
6. THE CONSTITUTION PROHIBITS THE PASSING OF THIS KIND OF TARIFF
PROTECTIVE
7. HE WROTE THE SOUTH CAROLINA “EXPOSITION AND PROTEST”
JOHN C. CALHOUN
8. THE KIND OF COMMERCE MARSHALL SAID THAT AMERICA’S GOVERNMENT COULD ALSO REGULATE IN “GIBBONS V. OGDEN”
INTRASTATE (NOT “INTERSTATE”!)
9. ANY ONE REASON WHY SECESSION IS CONSTITUTIONAL
ARTICLE I DOESN’T GIVE THE U.S. GOV’T THE POWER TO STOP IT OR PROHIBIT IT TO STATES, NINTH AMENDMENT SAYS THERE ARE MANY OTHER RIGHTS THAT THE U.S. GOV’T CAN’T INFRINGE UPON, TENTH AMENDMENT SAYS THAT ONLY POWERS SPECIFICALLY GRANTED TO THE U.S. GOV’T MAY BE EXERCISED
10. THIS IS ANY OF THE REASONS THAT THE NORTH THREATENED TO SECEDE
ANGER AT (A) THE 1800 ELECTION OF JEFFERSON, (B) THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE, OR (B) GOV’T POLICIES DURING THE WAR OF 1812
11. ABRAHAM LINCOLN SPOKE OUT IN FAVOR OF THIS STATE’S SECESSION
TEXAS (FROM MEXICO!)
12. THIS FRACTION OF THE PROTECTIVE TARIFFS COLLECTED WERE SPENT IN THE NORTH
THREE-FOURTHS