

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview.
Government Hangman 8 (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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American Government Hangman 8 Puzzles/Clues/Answers

(Write “hangman letter blanks” for the all-caps clues, then teams give the final answer in bold.)

1. CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT WHO DECIDED THE DRED SCOTT CASE
ROGER TANEY
2. WOODROW WILSON WROTE, “GOVERNMENT IS NOT A MACHINE,” BUT THIS
“A LIVING THING”
3. THE NUMBER OF NORTHERN NEWSPAPERS THAT LINCOLN SHUT DOWN
MORE THAN/AROUND 300
4. THE FIRST LEGAL INCOME TAX IN AMERICA WAS THIS PERCENT ON THE “WEALTHY”
1 PERCENT
5. THIS IS THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT RECONSTRUCTION LASTED
12
6. CHARLES DICKENS WROTE THAT THE NORTH/SOUTH WAR WAS “SOLELY” THIS KIND
OF QUARREL
FISCAL/ABOUT MONEY
7. THE THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT PROHIBITS THESE TWO THINGS
SLAVERY, “INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE”
8. THIS IS ONE WAY THAT “TREASON” IS DEFINED IN THE CONSTITUTION
“LEVYING WAR AGAINST THEM [THE STATES]”
9. JOHN MARSHALL SAID THAT THE POWER TO TAX IS ALSO THIS
THE POWER TO DESTROY
10. THE AMENDMENT THAT CHANGED THE WAY SENATORS WERE SENT TO CONGRESS
SEVENTEENTH
11. “POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY” MEANT ALLOWING NEW STATES TO VOTE ON THIS
WHETHER TO ALLOW SLAVERY
12. THE OTHER ACT PASSED BY CONGRESS THAT WAS PART OF THE SEDITION ACT
THE ESPIONAGE ACT