



TeenPact Pre-Class Vocabulary List

Name: _____

1. Type or hand-write answers to the following questions.
2. Research the terms in **bold** using your family dictionary or other printed/online references, then define each term in your own words. Webster's 1828 Dictionary is an excellent resource to find definitions untainted by politically correct revision.
3. To receive full credit, respond to all questions and do all comparisons and contrasts.

SECTION ONE

Government

"That government is best which governs least." Based on this quote (which is commonly attributed to Thomas Jefferson) and the general definition of the term "government," do you agree or disagree with this quote? Why or why not?

Considering the definition of the term "government," how would you define the term "self-government"?

SECTION TWO

Justice

Liberty

Compare and contrast "justice" and "liberty."

SECTION THREE

Democracy

Republic

Based on the definitions you found of the terms "democracy" and "republic," which of these terms best describes the systems of government we have in the United States? _____

In your state? _____ Why?

SECTION FOUR

Legislative

Executive

Judicial

Considering Isaiah 33:22 and the definitions of the words "legislative," "executive," and "judicial," what is the role of each of the three branches of government?

Separation of Powers

Checks and Balances

How do the three branches of government provide "checks and balances" to each other?

SECTION FIVE

Statesman

Politician

Compare and contrast the two terms. How are they different?

SECTION SIX

Election

Appointment

Considering the definitions of these two terms, what are some governmental positions that are "by election?"

What are some governmental positions that are "by appointment?"

What are some advantages and disadvantages to election? Appointment?

SECTION SEVEN

State (as in government)

Church

Family

Considering the definitions of the last four terms, what is the role of each of the three authorities, "state," church," and "family," and how are they different?
