

Essential Question:

1) Determine the role of a government in ensuring liberty and equality is a protected right for its citizens.

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Take a moment and think about what **Liberty** is to you.

- 1) What is it?
- 2) Where does it come from?
- 3) What makes it possible?

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Take a moment and think about what **equality** is to you.

- 1) What is it?
- 2) Where does it come from?
- 3) What makes it possible?
- 4) How is it different or similar to liberty?

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Equality:

1) Formal Equality:

Plato -- "treat like cases as alike."

Aristotle -- "When two persons have equal status in treatment."

2) Proportional Equality:

Marx -- Economic equality means universal access through elimination of social classes.

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Take a moment and think about what **rights** are to you.

- 1) What is it?
- 2) Where does it come from?
- 3) What makes it possible?

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What Are Rights?

* I can't fly

* But, I can sure try fly.

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2 types of Rights within the Western tradition:

1st: Legal/Constitutional

2nd: Natural rights or God given rights

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1st_Legal/Constitutional Rights

* Question: What establishes legal/Constitutional rights within legal code?

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1st_Legal/Constitutional Rights

Examples:

- * 1st Amendment right to freedom of the press.
- * 2nd Amendment right to bear arms
- * 19th Amendment right grants women the right to vote

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2) Natural rights or God given rights:

Examples:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident...."

"that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights...."

"that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness..."

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Natural rights or God given rights:

Examples:

- * Rights that are within each of us because we are human beings.
 - * Are not granted by man or law, but are granted by just being.
 - * "endowed"
- Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of happiness."

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QGy2SbXTNE&list=PL3nFGrtbkwqRqewa4Ke7U-TwnxWO4RY8c>

2 types of rights:

- 1) Natural or God given Rights
- 2) Legal/Constitutional Rights

Question:

What is the role of the government in this?

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Government: First Universal Point

Government is the idea of **law through reason**.

Aristotle -- "One who asks law to rule, therefore, is held to be asking God and intellect alone to rule, while one who asks man adds the beast.... Hence law is intellect without appetite."

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Government: Second Universal Point

Government is the idea of **law through Social Contract**.

Locke, Hobbes, Rousseau, etc. developed the idea that law is an agreement, entered into by individuals, that results in the formation of the state or an organized society, the prime motive being the desire for protection, which also then entails in the surrender of some or all personal liberties.

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Do now:

Look for the two universals in the following statement:

When in the course of human events,

It becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the Earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them,

A decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

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Liberty:

* Developed into the legal code by the English Magna Carta in 1215

* Abuses by King John caused a revolt by nobles who compelled him to execute this recognition of rights for both noblemen and ordinary Englishmen. It established the principle that no one, including the king or a lawmaker, is above the law.

Q. Skinner -- "*Liberty is not merely the enjoyment of a sphere of non-interference, but the enjoyment of certain conditions in which such non-interference is guaranteed.*"

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