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## We the People Unit 1 Posttest

Draw a line to match each term to its meaning.

- common good
- natural rights
- republican government
- constitutional government
- the powers of a ruler are limited by the constitution.
- life, liberty, and property.
- what is best for the community as a whole.
- power is held by the people who elect representatives to run the government.

Circle the best answer choice letter for each question.

1. Why did so many Europeans want to come live in the colonies?

- a.** To follow their religious beliefs freely.    **b.** To work on a plantation.  
**c.** To obey the king of Great Britain.    **d.** To get free public education.

2. What did the Founders think should be the main purpose of government?

- a.** Make sure people obey the law.    **b.** Protect a person's natural rights.  
**c.** To elect government officials.    **d.** Collect taxes for federal projects.

Fill in the blank.

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a list of the rights of the citizens and is usually the first part of a state's constitution.

2. In the year \_\_\_\_\_, British government in the colonies came to an end.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ contains reasons why the Founders thought they had the right to be free from British rule.

