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## We the People Unit 1 Pretest

*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.

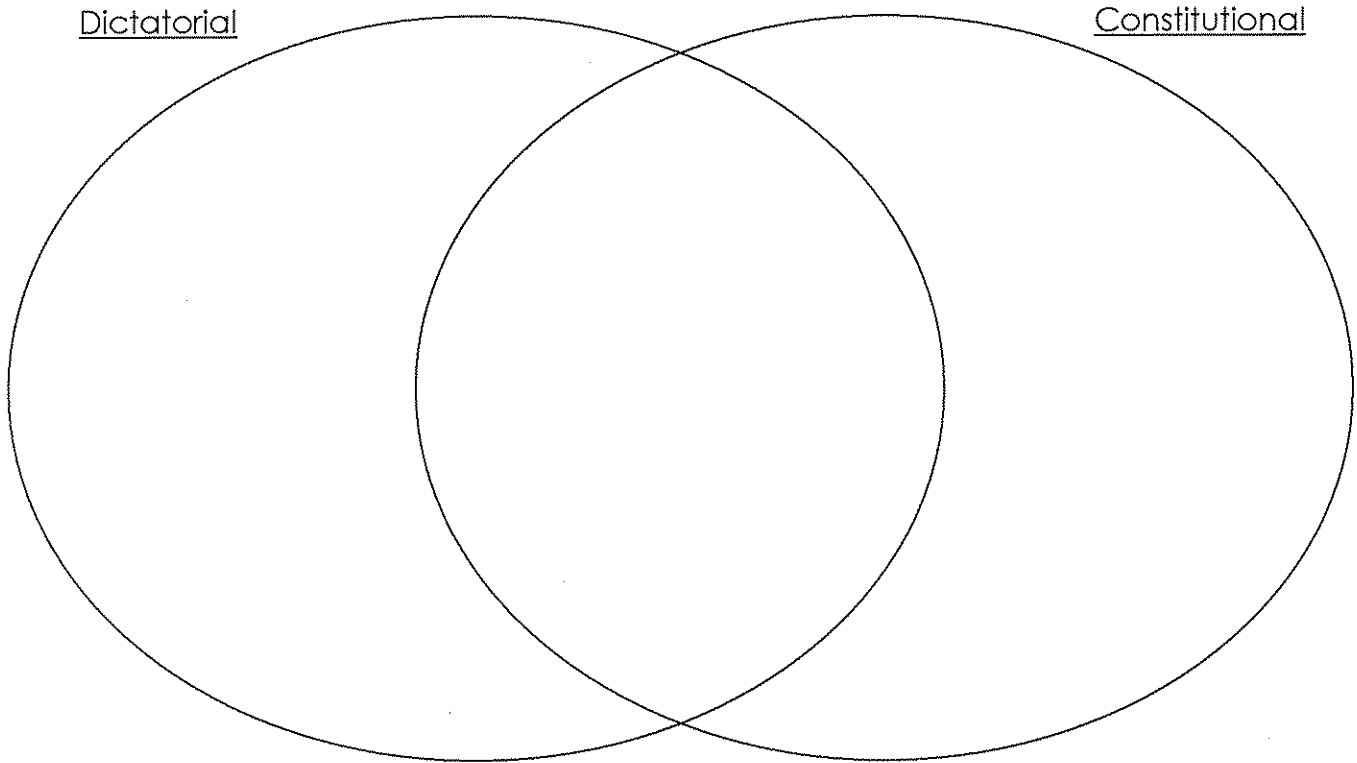
2. What did the Founders think should be the main purpose of government?

- 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.

3. How did Great Britain's control of the colonies change in the 1760's?

- a.** Great Britain continued to let the colonists govern themselves.
- b.** Great Britain decided to give up control of the colonies.
- c.** Great Britain began to support and defend the rights of the colonists.
- d.** Great Britain passed new laws taxing the colonists and controlling trade.

Use the Venn diagram to compare and contrast a constitutional government with a dictatorial government.



Fill in the blank.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ believed that the colonists should stay faithful to the king while the \_\_\_\_\_ wanted the colonies to become independent from Great Britain.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a list of the rights of the citizens and is usually the first part of a state's constitution.
3. In the year \_\_\_\_\_, British government in the colonies came to an end.

Circle T for "true" or F for "false".

- T F** A social contract is an agreement among the people to set up a government.
- T F** Elected representatives are responsible for helping one group of people.