

# Me the People Unit 1 Pretest

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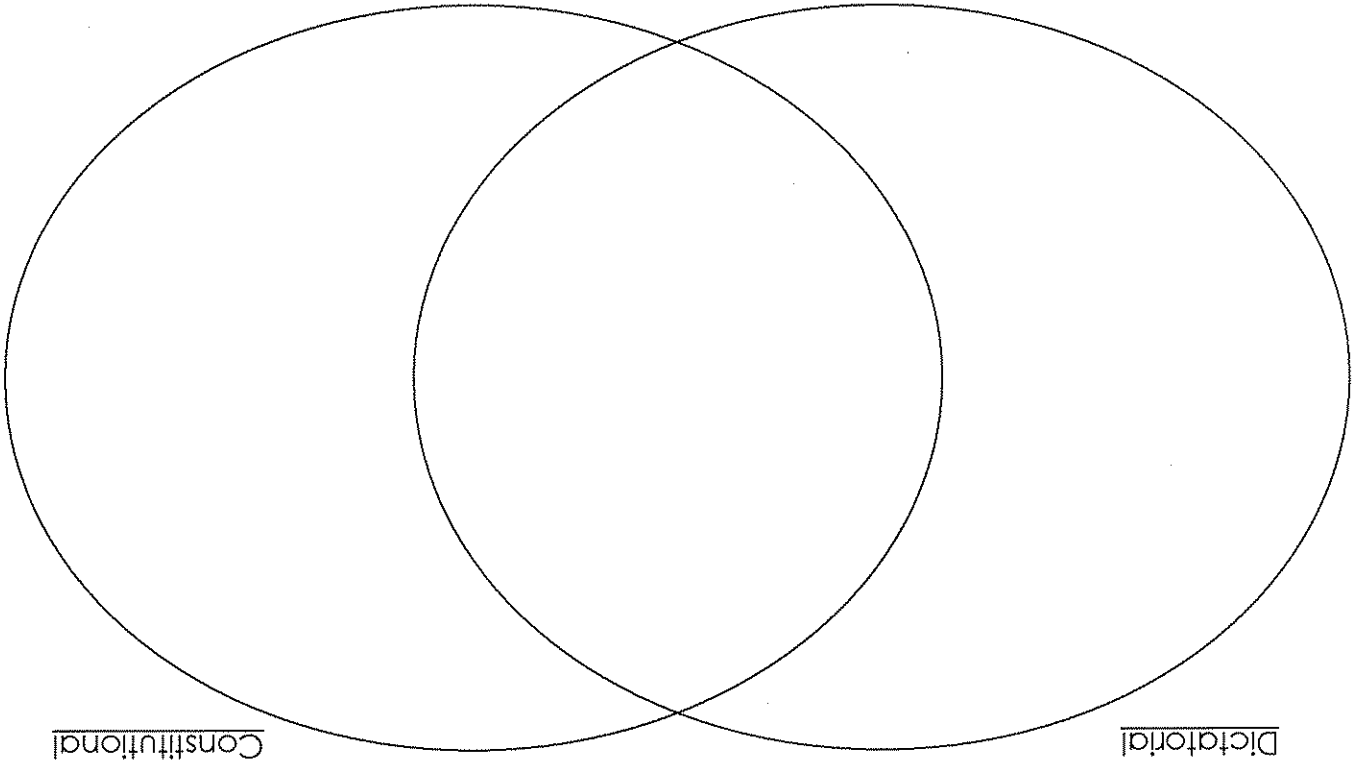
Draw a line to match each term to its meaning.

- 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.