

Hobbes, Locke, Montesquieu, and Rousseau- Form A

Directions: After we go through each philosopher, please do the following on this paper:

* I. Circle a “**yes**” next to each statement that you think the specific philosopher would approve of. Circle a “**no**” next to each statement that you think the specific philosopher would **not** approve of. II. If the statement needs to be corrected (for all “no” statements), please write a proper statement below. III. Describe how a classroom run by that type of government would look here at Bogle. IV. Describe one positive about the philosopher’s beliefs and one negative, justifying why for each.

A. Thomas Hobbes

1. Yes OR NO “Humans are naturally good people; they are not evil.”

2. Yes OR NO “If I don’t like the leader of a society, I should be able to vote them out and appoint a group of nicer people to take over!”

Question: What would it look like here at BJHS if teachers ran their classroom according to the ideas of Thomas Hobbes? (2 specific bullet statements)

What is one positive about Hobbes’ beliefs about government and what is one negative? Why? (3 sentences)

B. John Locke

1. Yes OR NO The most important thing is that people need to obey the government.”

2. Yes OR NO “People have the right to change the government if they don’ like it!”

Question: What would it look like here at BJHS if teachers ran their classroom according to the ideas of John Locke? (2 specific bullet statements)

What is one positive about Locke’s beliefs about government and what is one negative? Why? (3 sentences)

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C. Charles Montesquieu

1. Yes OR NO "The best form of government is one where the king has 80% of the power and other groups have 20% of the power."

2. Yes OR NO "America's government is not based on Montesquieu since the President has the most power in the U.S."

Question: What would it look like here at BJHS if teachers ran their classroom according to the ideas of Montesquieu? (2 specific bullet statements)

What is one positive about Montesquieu's beliefs about government and what is one negative? Why? (3 sentences)

D. Jean-Jacques Rousseau:

1. Yes OR NO "People should elect representatives to vote on laws."

2. Yes OR NO "People are born good and their environment messes them up."

Question: What would it look like here at BJHS if teachers ran their classroom according to the ideas of Rousseau? (2 specific bullet statements)

What is one positive about Rousseau's beliefs about government and what is one negative? Why? (3 sentences)

Final response: Which philosopher do you believe has the best ideas about people and government? Why?(4 sentences)
