**Introducing American Government Activities**

**Traditional Assessment**

1. A rule created by the government is called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Government is needed to provide \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for its citizens.
3. What do you think is the most important reason why government exists? Explain.
4. The Constitutional Convention ended on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, when it was signed by delegates. We recognize this day as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Did all of the Delegates sign the Constitution?
6. For the Constitution to become the Supreme Law of the land, \_\_\_\_\_\_ out of 13 states had to ratify it.
7. The Constitution begins with a Preamble. That Preamble begins with “We the People”. Why is this important? What were the founding fathers trying to say starting the Constitution this way?

**Create Your Own Government 1**

Today, you will be creating your own government. You have a city of 100 people. You have been chosen by your community to lead by your fellow citizens. You are tasked with making three laws that will govern your city. You need to make a poster for each law that your fellow citizens will see. It is very important that people know what the laws are so they can follow them.

Make your posters bright and colorful but also easy to read.

**Create Your Own Government 2**

Today, you will be creating your own Constitution. You have a city of 100 people. You have been chosen by your community to lead by your fellow citizens. Today, you will start a constitution. You need to decide:

1. Two services your government is responsible for providing your citizens.
2. Two limits on your government. Two activities your government is never allowed to do.

Create posters so your citizens know that their government is limited.

**The government is for the people!**

The government creates rules because people want the rule. What is one rule that you think everyone should follow? Write down the rule. Draw a picture showing how people can follow this rule.

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**Constitutional Convention**

**Traditional assessment**

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Government should

Government should NOT

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| Be for all the people. |
| Be for only a few people. |
| Be limited. |
| Be unlimited |
| Have a written Constitution. |
| Protect the rights of citizens. |
| Ignore the needs of the people. |
| Work for the people. |
| Work only for the wealthy. |