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An American Form of Government (video) – 35 points

Directions: Use **complete sentences** for all short answer questions. Your answers should provide sufficient detail and explanation. They should be expressed clearly and written neatly. Use evidence from the video in your responses.

***MATCHING: Match the type of government with its correct description.*** *(1 each)*

A. MONARCHY / DICTATORSHIP 1. Rule by law \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

B. OLIGARCHY 2. Rule by one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

C. DEMOCRACY 3. Rule by none \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

D. REPUBLIC 4. Rule by a few \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E. ANARCHY 5. Rule by majority \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Which type of government is the **most common** in all of history? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(1)

**TRUE or FALSE**: (1 each)

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_ John Locke was one of the Founding Fathers of our U.S. government.

8. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Oligarchy governments are NOT common today.

9. \_\_\_\_\_\_ During the Enlightenment, the idea of rights of man over tyrant became popular.

10. \_\_\_\_\_\_ The goal of our Founding Fathers, when they were creating our government, was to create a balance between absolute power and a state of nature.

11. \_\_\_\_\_\_ The Articles of Confederation offered our country a strong start in our own government and worked very well as a first constitution.

Which of the following did the **Articles of Confederation** allow the Continental Congress to do? Write **YES** besides each item that was allowed under the Articles of Confederation. Write **NO** besides each item in which the Articles did NOT provide power. (1 point each)

12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fight war

13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ form armies

14. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ enforce its laws

15. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ control trade between states

16. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ print and borrow money

17. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ establish a postal service

18. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ establish and collect taxes

19. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ use a court system to try cases

20. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ set up three equal branches of government

**Absolute Power** **Limited State of Nature**

**Govt.**  **(Anarchy)**

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21. The above spectrum represents absolute power vs. state of nature. Put an X where you think the powers given in the **Articles of Confederation** would be on this spectrum. On the top of the next page, explain your reasoning. (3)

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22. Why have some people in the past (in some countries) thought that Anarchy is a good idea? According to the video, however, the thought of Anarchy is a mistake because **“without law there can be no freedom**.**”** Explain what you think this means (3).

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23. Which did our Founding Fathers choose when they were writing our government, a **democracy** or a **republic**? Why? What is the basic difference? (3)

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24. How do you provide freedom for each person and still have a government powerful enough to accomplish things? (John Locke believed this was important. He called it a social compact.) Use your own words to explain. (3)

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***Complete the statement (from video)….***

25. “The essence of freedom is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**On the Wiki Page….** [**www.wikispaces.com**](http://www.wikispaces.com)

**American History At Home**

**(1) Check out the discussion questions from the article we read called “Experimenting with a Nation.” Remember, you can earn extra credit for participating with your comments.**

**(2) Under this page you will find 10 discussion questions that you may see on an in-class assignment this Friday. Use the video we watched in class (it is posted on the Wiki under the YouTube page) to answer the questions. Share your thoughts / answers on the discussion page.**

**You Tube**

**Watch this 10 minute video called, An American Form of Government. This is the same video we watched in class, but I would watch it multiple times if I were you. You will be permitted to use any notes you take on the in-class assignment this Friday. There is a posted discussion question on this page regarding a quote from Ben Franklin in which you can respond (for extra credit). Use the questions posted under the American History At Home page (see above) to review for the assignment on Friday.**

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**NOTES FROM THE VIDEO:**

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