

Warm-Up Activity:

Influence means _____

An example of someone or something that has **influenced** me is:

Word Bank

unalienable	property	Locke	happiness	Constitution
Independence	physician	government	life	law
liberty	social	Glorious	Whig	Liberalism
American	king	Jefferson	Enlightenment	Rights

Directions: Use the word bank to complete the following fill-in-the-blank questions.

1. John _____'s ideas influenced Thomas _____'s writing of the United States Declaration of _____.
2. Lord Ashley employed Locke as his personal _____. Ashley was a powerful leader of the _____ political party, which fought to limit the power of the _____ so that the people could be free.
3. Locke's philosophy on the _____ contract is simply that people enter into an agreement with their government to protect their unalienable rights to life, liberty, and _____.



4. The United States has a _____ and a Bill of _____ that guarantees liberty for its citizens.

5. Jefferson wrote that American citizens' _____ rights, or rights that can't be taken away, are _____, _____, and the pursuit of _____.

6. Locke's ideas fueled both the _____ Revolution and the _____ Revolution.

7. Locke was an incredibly influential figure in the _____, a remarkable period that celebrated the power of reason and scientific inquiry.

8. Locke is considered the Father of Classical _____, which emphasizes individual liberty, equal protection under the _____, and limited _____.

Short Response:

9. Who was Lord Ashley, and what role did he play in John Locke's life?

10. How did Locke's ideas influence the American Declaration of Independence?

11. How did John Locke's ideas also encourage the American Revolution?

12. According to Locke, when should a government limit a person's liberty?

13. How did Locke view the power of written ideas?

Making Connections:

14. In the video, Locke encourages Leo and Layla to “always keep an eye out for opportunities to inspire others in your life and in your school.” What is one way you can follow Locke’s advice and example?

15. What does John Locke’s story teach us about the importance of having positive influences in our lives? Provide a specific example of a positive influence in your own life and describe how they have helped you.

John Locke | Answer Key

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Check students' work for completion.

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2. Lord Ashley employed Locke as his personal physician. Ashley was a powerful leader of the Whig political party, which fought to limit the power of the king so that the people could be free.
3. Locke's philosophy on the social contract is simply that people enter into an agreement with their government to protect their unalienable rights to life, liberty, and property.
4. The United States has a Constitution and a Bill of Rights that guarantees liberty for its citizens.
5. Jefferson wrote that American citizens' unalienable rights, or rights that can't be taken away, are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
6. Locke's ideas fueled both the Glorious Revolution and the American Revolution.
7. Locke was an incredibly influential figure in the Enlightenment, a remarkable period that celebrated the power of reason and scientific inquiry.
8. Locke is considered the Father of Classical Liberalism, which emphasizes individual liberty, equal protection under the law, and limited government.

Short Response:

9. Who was Lord Ashley, and what role did he play in John Locke's life?
Lord Ashley was a powerful leader of the Whig political party and employed Locke as his personal physician. He became Locke's trusted friend and mentor, greatly influencing Locke's political philosophies. Ashley influenced Locke with his beliefs on civil liberties, tolerance of religion, and limited government or a government that recognizes and protects personal freedom for citizens.

10. How did Locke's ideas influence the American Declaration of Independence?
Locke's ideas about natural rights and the social contract influenced Thomas Jefferson, who wrote about unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in the Declaration of Independence.
11. How did John Locke's ideas also encourage the American Revolution?
John Locke's ideas encouraged the American Revolution because the colonists, ruled and taxed unjustly by King George III, believed in the right to overthrow a government that didn't serve their benefit and will. These ideas helped them fight England and win their independence.
12. According to Locke, when should a government limit a person's liberty?
According to Locke, it is man's nature to be free, and governments should not limit liberty unless the liberty of others is being harmed.
13. How did Locke view the power of written ideas?
Locke viewed written ideas as powerful weapons, stating that the pen and the reasoned human mind could have a significant impact when righteous before God and man.

Making Connections:

14. In the video, Locke encourages Leo and Layla to "always keep an eye out for opportunities to inspire others in your life and in your school." What is one way you can follow Locke's advice and example?
Sample answer: One way I can follow Locke's advice and inspire others is by being a good role model to younger kids and by giving them encouragement and advice.
15. What does John Locke's story teach us about the importance of having positive influences in our lives? Provide a specific example of a positive influence in your own life and describe how they have helped you.
Sample answer: John Locke's story teaches us that having positive influences in our lives can shape our beliefs and actions in important ways. For example, Locke was greatly influenced by his friend Lord Ashley, who shared his ideas about freedom and government. This friendship helped Locke develop his own ideas that later influenced many people, including Thomas Jefferson. In my own life, my positive influence is my basketball coach. Coach John always encourages me to do my best and never give up, even when things are hard.