



## From Video “Overview of America”

1. What made America great and set it apart from other countries? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What was the combination that characterized America and made it the envy of the world?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
3. According to the Founders, the sole purpose of the government is to protect citizens from:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. The Founders did not intend for government to be a positive force (to “do” things), but a negative force (to keep things from being done. T F
5. When a government starts giving to one citizen, it must take from another to do so, and in the process, it gains \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The U.S. Constitution was written to govern the \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_, and not the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The Bill of Rights never gave citizens any rights. Rather, its sole purpose was to safeguard citizens’ God-given rights by limiting \_\_\_\_\_.
8. America’s form of government is a democracy. T F
9. Correctly **label** the real political spectrum shown on the right:



Figure 6.6 People who espouse left-wing ideologies in the United States identify with beliefs on the left side of the spectrum that prioritize equality, whereas those on the right side of the spectrum emphasize control.





The five basic forms of government are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_, which means \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_, which means \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_, which means \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_, which means \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_, which means \_\_\_\_\_

6. Cross out the ones that aren't viable. This leaves \_\_\_\_\_ forms of government.

8. Anarchy isn't a stable form of government. It's a quick transition from something that \_\_\_\_\_ to something *desired* by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

9. What is the difference between a democracy and a republic? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. John Adams said that democracy doesn't last long, it soon \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ itself.

10. In the midst of plenty, Romans forgot what freedom entailed: the proper \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

11. As power-seeking politicians gain more and more power, what happens to the freedoms of the people? \_\_\_\_\_