

Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau

Name: _____

You will read a summary of the works of each philosopher as well as a few selected quotes. Your job is to read through each section and summarize it on this document. You will then be asked to break down some specific comparisons that will require you to read into each of the philosophers more deeply.

SUMMARIES

Fill in the following for each philosopher:

Thomas Hobbes Born/Died: _____ Lived in: _____	
2 facts about him	5 things he believes
John Locke Born/Died: _____ Lived in: _____	
2 facts about him	5 things he believes
Jean-Jacques Rousseau Born/Died: _____ Lived in: _____	
2 facts about him	5 things he believes

HUMAN NATURE

Write an end to this sentence that each of the three philosophers would agree with.

Hobbes	Without governments to rule them, humans are....
Locke	Without governments to rule them, humans are....
Rousseau	Without governments to rule them, humans are....

PURPOSE OF GOVERNMENT

Circle the parts that would complete this statement in a way that each of the three philosophers would agree with (not all will be circled).

Hobbes	The most important duties of government are:	Circle all that apply		
		Reduce chaos Ensure liberty Ensure security Ensure human rights	Reduce inequality Keep people afraid Protect its citizens Educate its citizens	Maintain order Listen to its citizens Conquer other nations Preserve the past
Locke	The most important duties of government are:	Circle all that apply		
		Reduce chaos Ensure liberty Ensure security Ensure human rights	Reduce inequality Keep people afraid Protect its citizens Educate its citizens	Maintain order Listen to its citizens Conquer other nations Preserve the past
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BEST GOVERNMENTS

Fill in this statement in a way that each of the three philosophers would agree with.

Hobbes	The best government is...	Because....
Locke	The best government is...	Because....
Rousseau	The best government is...	Because....

YOUR THOUGHTS

Which philosopher do you most agree with on the nature of humanity? Explain why that philosopher is more correct than the other two or why you think all of them are wrong: