

ASSIGNMENT

STAAR® BLITZ: EARLY AMERICA U.S. HISTORY



Matching - Select the best answer.

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| _____ 1. Freedom of religion | A. Tocqueville |
| _____ 2. Voting and serving on a jury | B. Civic responsibilities |
| _____ 3. Accused must be informed of rights | C. Declaration of Independence |
| _____ 4. Document declaring America as an independent nation | D. 1 st Amendment |
| _____ 5. Liberty, individualism, populism, laissez-faire, egalitarianism | E. 4 th Amendment |
| _____ 6. President has the power to veto a bill | F. Checks and balances |
| _____ 7. Protection from unreasonable search and seizure | G. <i>Miranda v. Arizona</i> |

Hot Spot - This graphic organizer describes Alexis de Tocqueville's observations in America.

8. Which description **BEST** explains the American values observed by Tocqueville?

Circle **THREE** correct answers.

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| Americans wanted to be controlled by the government | Americans took initiative to create a life they wanted | Americans wanted government out of their economic lives |
| Americans saw themselves as socially equal | Americans believed that only the elite could vote | Americans were always looking to go to battle |

Multiselect - Select the correct answers.

_____ 9. Which of the following are protections guaranteed in the Fifth Amendment?

Select **TWO** correct answers.

- A. Americans have the right to bear arms.
- B. Americans have the right to due process.
- C. Americans have the right to be paid for land the government takes.
- D. Americans have the right to no cruel and unusual punishment.

Short Answer - Answer the following questions.

10. What was the effect of the Declaration of Independence?
11. How do the three branches work together in order to create a new law?
12. Which freedom in the 1st Amendment do you believe is more important: press or speech? Explain your answer.
13. Explain the significance of the U.S. Constitution.
14. Why is the court case *Miranda v. Arizona* significant?
15. Why is important to stay informed on issues in the U.S.?

Thinking Box - Use the information in the thinking box to help answer the following questions.

**Rights and Responsibilities
of Citizens**

- Voting
- Serving on a jury
- Lobbying
- Non-violent protesting

16. What is this title?
17. Which three items listed can bring change in the government?
18. What does someone do when they serve on a jury?
19. Which responsibility, in your opinion, is more important: voting or serving on a jury? Explain your answer.

Short Constructed Response - Think about the question carefully. Then enter your answer to **BOTH** parts in the box provided.

20. How is the concept of “consent of the governed” **AND** the value of populism similar? Explain your answer.