

## “The Great Fear” and Civil Liberties **Why Americans Have Governments**

Answer these questions in the space provided below.  
Continue any responses that don't fit on your own paper. You don't need to rewrite the questions.

### **Part A:**

#### **After listening to the “The Great Fear” scenario, answer questions #1-5**

1. Do you agree to preserve the safety of all people in this class by allowing us to search your bags and binders?
2. Why or why not?
  
3. Why do think others would vote against your answer?
  
4. What rights should people surrender when safety is in doubt?
  
5. How should people measure the threat level before accepting a loss of rights?

### **Part B:**

#### **Read Chapter 2 Section 1 (pg. 30-33) to answer questions #7-10:**

6. What is **Government**? (glossary):
7. What **type of government** do we have in the United States?
8. What are the **4 purposes of government**? Name each purpose and write one sentence for each that best relates to the title “Great Fear and Civil Liberties”:
  - a. Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is a **Constitution**? (definition):
10. When can our rights and freedoms be limited?
  
11. What are **Civil Rights**? (glossary)

12. What is an **Amendment**? (glossary)

13. Write 5 sentences that describe the **4<sup>th</sup> Amendment**. (see pg. 115)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

14. Review the scenario and your responses to questions #1-13

**Make a Prediction:** Would the search described in the scenario be legal?

15. Why?/Why not? (Support your answer with facts from #1-13, **not** opinions.)

16. Discussion notes:

**Part C:**

**Apply What You've Learned: What do you think?**

17. How do you think that our constitutions, the amendments and our laws preserve our safety and our rights?

18. Define the term "**Terrorists**" (glossary):

19. Should government officials have the right to limit or even violate individual civil rights and freedoms in order to protect the nation from a potential threat?

20. Why or why not?

21. Give at least one example from society of when our civil liberties are compromised by our government in an effort to protect people's safety or well-being:

22. Would our civil rights be protected if there were no government?

23. Why?/Why not?

24. What do you think is the word that means "**the absence of any form of government**"?

25. Review your response to #1. Have you changed your mind? Why?/Why not?

26. Discussion notes: