



“Proclaim Liberty” Discussion Guide Lesson Nine

Lesson Nine: Blanks

Throughout Lesson Seven, there are places to fill in the blanks. Here are the answers.

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| 1. predators | 8. destiny | 15. splurging |
| 2. valued | 9. marriage | 16. destiny |
| 3. kindness | 10. equality | 17. design |
| 4. repel | 11. happiness | 18. two |
| 5. interest | 12. allows | 19. private |
| 6. wars | 13. future | 20. public |
| 7. jealousy | 14. war | 21. perpetuate |

Lesson 9: “Principles of Liberty 24-28”

Section 1, The Twenty-fourth Principle

Read: PL, Section 1, Introduction and Part A

Discuss: What is necessary in order to experience peace?

Read: PL, Section1, Parts B-C

Discuss: What are things you, as an individual citizen, can do to be prepared for war?

Document Study:

“The right to freedom being the gift of God Almighty, it is not in the power of man to alienate this gift and voluntarily become a slave.” Samuel Adams

Words: (Choose at least 3 words, write them down, and look up definitions for them)

Word 1:

Word 2:

Word 3:

Now, write Samuel Adam’s quote in your own words:

Section 2, The Twenty-fifth Principle

Read: PL, Section 2, Introduction and Part A

Discuss: Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none is actually a policy, not a principle. What are the basic principles upon which this policy is founded? What rights does this policy protect?

Discuss: What are the dangers of entangling alliances?

Discuss: What are the dangers of entangling alliances in an individual’s private life?

Read: PL, Section 2, Part B

Discuss: Describe the Monroe doctrine. Is this isolationism or separatism and what is the difference between these two policies?

Section 3, The Twenty-sixth Principle

Read: PL, Section 3, Introduction and Part A

Document Study:

“To despise the natural bonds and legitimate pleasure of home is to contract a taste for excesses, a restlessness of heart, and fluctuating desires.” -Alexis DeTocqueville

Words to look up and define:

Word 1:

Word 2:

Word 3:

In Your Own Words:

Read: PL, Section 3, Part B-C

Discuss: What do natural law principles tell us about the nature of family?

Discuss: How can government foster and protect the integrity of families?

Activity: Read the 10 commandments. For each commandment, discuss how that commandment preserves and enlarges freedom.

Read: PL, Section 3, Part D

Discuss: In what ways does understanding natural law principles enhance your freedom?

Section 4, The Twenty-seventh Principle

Read: PL, Section 4, Introduction and Part A

Discuss: In what ways does debt limit your freedom?

Read: PL, Section 4, Parts B-C

Discuss: What rights are violated by passing unnecessary national debt from one generation to another?

Section 5, The Twenty-eighth Principle

Read: PL, Section 5, Introduction and Part A-B

Discuss: What is the impact when an individual believes that what he/she is doing will be a significant force for good that will impact other people? How does this change their motivation and their behavior?

Section 5, Principles of Liberty: Conclusion

Read: PL, Section 5, Introduction and Parts A-D

Discuss: What can you do to improve and perpetuate our system of government?

Commitments

Each week, we make commitments to act on what we have learned and share our learning with others.

Act

From your individual pondering and group discussion, choose one thing you will do this week to act on what you learned.

Ideas

- Many patriots have made sacrifices in order to allow us to live with abundance and freedom. Think of one thing you can do to bless the life of another.
- Evaluate your personal budget, or create a budget if you don't have one. What can you do to avoid the burden of debt?
- Choose one thing you can do this week to strengthen your family.
- Thank an individual who is currently serving in the armed forces for helping to preserve our freedom.
- Choose one thing you can do as an individual to be ready should you be called upon to defend our freedom.

Share

Share what you learned today with someone else.

Ideas

- Share a quote from this lesson, along with your thoughts, on social media.
- Discuss the role of family in preserving our nation.
- Discuss the role of debt. As a nation and as an individual, when is debt justified and when is it unnecessary?