

Activity

Name _____ Class Period _____

For, Of, By the People Grassroots Movement (FOBPGM) PetitionU. S. History Student Guidelines

You are being provided a petition dealing with the rights of individuals in relation to the U. S., state and local governments. Following the instructions below, please fill out the first line of the petition yourself. Then ask 10 or more fellow students to review the petition and fill it out. Finally, ask one or more adult(s) age 21 or older to do the same.

The document with at least 12 responses (including yours) will be due at the beginning of class on _____ and will be accepted late by _____.

Explanation of the FOBPGM Petition

The FOBPGM (For, Of, By the People Grassroots Movement) favors the implementation of a new code by which the federal, state and local government will operate. Please review the statement below. Then, on one line of the petition, write your name and indicate which points you agree with and which you disagree with. Finally, give reasons for two of your responses. If you agreed with all of the statements, then give reasons in favor of two of them. If you disagree with all, then give reasons against two of them. If you agree with some and disagree with others, then give one reason for and one reason against.

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1. choose all policy makers (lawmakers, judges, president, governor, county officials and mayors) for the federal, state, local levels of government;
2. enjoy freedom with a minimum of governmental restraints;
3. seek their own happiness as they see fit;
4. preserve their lives by all necessary means;
5. overthrow the government if after a series of attempts to get the government to change, the government refuses to do as the people say.

Name	Grade Level	With which points do you agree?	With which points do you disagree?	Provide two reasons why you agree or disagree.
You:				
Student 1:				
Student 2:				
Student 3:				
Student 4:				
Student 5:				
Student 6:				
Student 7:				
Student 8:				
Student 9:				
Student 10:				
Adult Name	Relationship to you	With which points do you agree?	With which points do you disagree?	Provide two reasons why you agree or disagree.

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COMPARISON OF *FOR, OF, BY THE PEOPLE GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT PETITION* AND THE *DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE*

Guidelines: The five petition points are listed below. Review those and match each with the appropriate right from the Declaration of Independence.

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<i>Petition</i>	<i>Declaration of Independence</i>
	<i>Right to life</i>
	<i>Liberty</i>
	<i>Happiness</i>
	<i>Consent of the governed</i>
	<i>Right to revolt after a long train of abuses</i>