

Politics and Intellect

Binder item 05

Target Practice: Constructing concepts

TARGET I will know and distinguish the following concepts:

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Direction

Read the definitions of the following concepts. THEN, illustrate each concept **OR** write a good question about the concept that you would like answered. (Bad question = “what does this mean?”)

GOVERNMENT (p)

<i>Definition</i>	<i>Illustration</i>
The administrative institution that controls or regulates a state, a nation of people, or an organization	

POLITICS (p)

<i>Definition</i>	<i>Illustration</i>
The activities of governance, which include debate and argument among those seeking to make or influence decisions	

CONSTITUTIONALISM (p)

<i>Definition</i>	<i>Illustration</i>
System in which the governing person or group must obey laws that protect the rights of the people; the laws “check” or limit the power of the leader(s)	

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AUTHORITARIANISM (p)

<i>Definition</i>	<i>Illustration</i>
<p>System in which the governing person or group rules without accepting or obeying laws that "check" his/her/their power; <u>dictatorship</u></p>	

CHECKS & BALANCES (p)

<i>Definition</i>	<i>Illustration</i>
<p>Limitations or restrictions that block leaders from having too much power or ruling however they want</p>	

STATE (p)

<i>Definition</i>	<i>Illustration</i>
<p>A country; a territory of <u>land</u> organized under a single government</p>	

NATION (p)

<i>Definition</i>	<i>Illustration</i>
<p>A large group of <u>people</u> who share a common ancestry, history, culture, or language, living in a particular country or territory</p>	

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CITIZEN (p)

<i>Definition</i>	<i>Illustration</i>
A legally recognized subject, or member, of a state	

RIGHTS (p)

<i>Definition</i>	<i>Illustration</i>
Legal privileges + protections given to citizens; general or specific freedoms to have or gain certain things or to act in certain ways (ex. the right to equal treatment; right to vote)	

ELECTION (p)

<i>Definition</i>	<i>Illustration</i>
The organized process of choosing leaders (usually by voting)	

SUCCESSION (p)

<i>Definition</i>	<i>Illustration</i>
The process of inheriting power from one's parent or family; also called <i>hereditary rule</i>	

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SEIZURE (p)

<i>Definition</i> The process of taking power by force or strength	<i>Illustration</i>
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PERSPECTIVE (i)

<i>Definition</i> Point of view; one's position on or opinion about a particular subject or circumstance(s)	<i>Illustration</i>
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MINDSET (i)

<i>Definition</i> The attitudes of individuals or groups about themselves, their circumstances, and/or the future; [growth mindset (I can!) vs. fixed mindset (I can't)]	<i>Illustration</i>
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WORLDVIEW (i)

<i>Definition</i> The way a person or group sees life, the world, and his/her/its role or place in that world (ex: MLK - the world is broken by hate; I must love.)	<i>Illustration</i>
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