**The Social Contract**

8-Bit Philosophy

1. What is the purpose of government?
2. What is the state of nature?
3. According to Hobbes?
4. According to Rousseau?
5. In the state of nature, people are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Decisions should be made for the sake of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. What is a social contract?
8. Who has it right, Hobbes or Rousseau?

**Social Contracts**

Think about the rules your parents have for you. Write down some of the rules you have (minimum of 3 please).

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Partner up with a neighbour and share your list. What rules do you have in common? What rules are different? Are there other rules you would add to your list?

1.

2.

**READ** Job 41 and Isaiah 27:1.

Why do you think that Thomas Hobbes likens the government to the Leviathan? What does that tell you about how Hobbes viewed the government? (there may even be room below for you to draw a picture of what the leviathan may have looked like)

**Writing A Social Contract**

**Terms to be defined:**

[**http://www.sparknotes.com/philosophy/socialcontract/characters.html**](http://www.sparknotes.com/philosophy/socialcontract/characters.html)

Social contract –

Liberty –

Government –

State of nature –

Civil society –

Common good –

Now it’s your turn to write a social contract. Imagine that everyone in this class is in the state of nature (think about Hobbes), but we’ve decided to band together and develop a social contract so we can organize our time together. What ideas or rules would you include in your social contract? To help you with this answer the following questions:

* What do you expect from your teachers?
* What do you expect from your fellow students?
* What are some rights you want respected by your teachers?
* What are some rights you want respected by your fellow students?
* What do you expect from you time in school? In this class?
* What kind of environment do you need in order to get from this class what you need from it?

You will now create your own social contract. If you need help getting started, here is an example:

*We, the students of this class, in order to form a more effective and efficient use of our time agree to this contract whereby we students acknowledge that we need to respect the work of the teacher and should, to the best of our abilities, pay attention when s/he teaches. We also recognize we need to extend the same respect to the administrators, other teachers and our fellow students…*

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Now as a class, you will need to decide on a social contract that you will all be using. Once the class has a social contract developed, copy it below:

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Will you sign this social contract? Explain. (What will your society (class) do with someone that refuses to sign the contract?