



## **Sixth Grade Civics Class Inquiry-Based Assessment Question**

**Theme:** Foundations of Government

**Standards covered:** 6.8

The Indiana Constitution’s preamble contains the rationale of why the state constitution is created: “that justice be established, public order maintained, and liberty perpetuated.” How should the Indiana government maintain public order of its people?

- Which liberties do you think are the most important to the citizens of a state?
- In what ways has Indiana established justice for its citizens?

### Sample Follow Up Questions

- How do taxes play a role in allowing the state to establish justice, public order maintained, and liberty perpetuated?
- Are limits on your liberties justified? If not, what limits are? If not, why not?
- How can students be good Indiana citizens?
- A previous version of the Indiana Constitution also maintained that the purpose of the Indiana government was to promote the welfare of its citizens. Do you think this is an important feature of state government? Why or why not?