

READ AND RECORD – JOHN LOCKE

Recitation Assignment – John Locke, Political Philosopher

Directions: Read aloud and record the notes about John Locke.

- Use a clear speaking voice.
- Be sure to say your full name.
- Speak clearly. Use correct pronunciation.
- Practice your oral reading by reading the text aloud a few times.

You may listen to the sample at:

<https://www.slps.org/cms/lib/MO01001157/Centricity/Domain/2420/Recitation%20Govt%20John%20Locke%20Political%20Philosopher.mp3>

Here is a link for an online voice recorder: <https://online-voice-recorder.com/>

Speaking Prompt:

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Hello. My name is _____ and I am in _____ period
Government Class.

I am going to discuss John Locke and his ideas about government.

John Locke was an English philosopher who developed the concept of natural rights. He believed that all people have the natural right to life, liberty and property.

Life: People want to survive and to be safe from threats.

Liberty: People want to be as free as possible. They want to be able to make their own decisions in life.

Property: People want to own the things that are necessary to survive such as houses, food, tools, or land.

Locke called life, liberty and property our natural rights. Natural rights are the rights people have from birth.

Locke's ideas about natural rights influenced the founders of the United States. His ideas are clearly seen in the Declaration of Independence written by Thomas Jefferson. In the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson described our natural rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

John Locke was a significant influence on the creation of American government.