

Purposes of Government Scenarios

Copy this Document: What are the purposes of government?

Think about each of the following situations. For each: Write a paragraph answering the following for each.

- **Suggest two adjectives that describe the situation.**
 - **Explain how you might feel if you were in this situation.**
 - **Consider what kinds of people or groups might "do well" in an environment like this.**
 - **Propose a way that the situation may have been prevented or controlled and by whom.**
- a. You arrive to school and settle into your desk, but there is no teacher. You and your classmates realize there are no teachers, no administrators, and no security—only other students. No one can communicate with anyone out of the building and the doors are locked so no one can leave. Some of the most rowdy students begin planning a "day of pandemonium." You do not know what they intend.
- b. After a major hurricane, the power, phone, and Internet lines in your city have been out for more than a week. You hear a rumor that groups of armed gangsters are roaming the streets. You have spent four sleepless nights guarding your parents' store from looters.
- c. Your country is in the midst of a devastating famine. Thousands of people have already died of starvation. A truck carrying flour, sugar, water, and medicine is scheduled to arrive in the center of your town today. As you wait, hundreds of people from another town show up. Fights break out when people cut in line. When the truck drivers see the hostile crowd, they are afraid and consider leaving.