Benchmark: Civics One

Brief Constructed Response Prompt:

For what purpose might people want to form their own government? Use data from the illustration to support your answer.

Sample Response(s):

Students might refer to the clause in the Preamble to the Constitution and explain that people may want to form their own government to “secure the blessings of liberty.” Colonial Americans believed that the British government denied them fundamental rights to property by taxing without representation. Other students might highlight broader purposes of government such as maintain social order, manage conflict, establish and administer justice that might prompt people to want to form their own government.

Rubric

2 = This response gives a valid purpose with an accurate and relevant explanation.
1 = This response gives a valid purpose with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no explanation.
0 = inaccurate or no response