John Locke

Directions: Read the excerpts from Locke’s “Social Order” and answer the following questions in complete sentences. Be sure to include specific examples when necessary. Highlight relevant sentences or make notes on the handout to keep in your notebook.

1. Why does Locke support the idea of religious toleration?

2. Based on Locke's ideas, why is government necessary in any society?

3. According to Locke, how do people acquire private property?

4. Did Locke believe that unanimous consent is necessary in the formation of a government?

5. Where do governments get their authority to rule?

6. What evidence do you see regarding Locke's influence on the structure (form) of the United States government?

7. Under Locke’s idea of civil government, which body is intended to have supreme power?

8. Describe Locke's beliefs about why revolutions occur?