

# State of Nature

Answer the following questions **on a separate sheet of paper**. Just answer the questions don't copy the questions.

1. Do questions 1-6 on page 3

## **How do your answers compare with those of John Locke?**

Read then answer the following questions

1. Restate Locke's "Law of Nature."
2. What allows most people to understand the concept of the State of Nature?
3. What is needed to interpret and enforce the "Laws of Nature?"
4. What is needed for a "real" (legitimate government) to exist? Use Jefferson's version.
5. Locke boils down the Laws for Nature to 3 basic laws. State them.
6. These are what kind of rights?
7. How do you protect your natural rights? Who threatens them?

Answer questions 1-4 on page 5.

## **What is the Significance of Locke's definition of the natural rights to life, liberty, and Property?**

Read then answer the following questions

1. How did the natural rights philosophers' interpretations of rights differ from older concepts of rights?
2. According to the natural rights philosophers, who has rights?

## **What did Locke mean by the "social contract?"**

Read then answer the following questions

1. Why would your rights not be secure in a "state of nature?"
2. What is the agreement between people to help secure individual rights?

## **Reviewing and using the lesson**

Answer questions 4,5