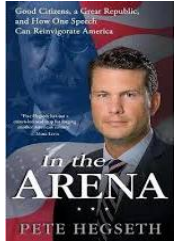


In the Arena: Good Citizens, a Great Republic, & How One Speech Can Reinvigorate America

- Read the handout – found on Mrs.MuellersWorld.com - and do this worksheet!!!
- *The book is based on a speech Theodore Roosevelt gave to a French audience in 1910 about what it requires to be a citizen in a republic. I have attached this speech to your handout for you in case you would like to read it in its entirety!* ☺

**Introductory Quotes**

1. T or F - According to Teddy Roosevelt, a speaker's oratory (speech) can do damage if the speaker does not have genuine conviction based on good common sense behind his/her words. O True O False
2. The gift of oratory without the moral quality behind it is damaging to a republic. O True O False
- ❖ What sort of oratory (speech) did Obama make in Minnesota in 2008? Did these words have common sense? Did they have moral quality?

Mr. Hegseth (currently serving as Secretary of War)

3. What consequence did Cicero face for his oratory and writing? _____
4. How can rhetoric be misused?
5. In the hands of a "phrase-monger," oratory will _____.
6. In what ways did Obama's rhetoric appeal to many people?
7. Barack Obama promised to "fundamentally _____" the United States of America.
8. Does Obama seem to share the fundamental worldview of our Founders? _____
9. What message did Obama send by returning the bust of Winston Churchill that the British nation had given to the United States?
10. A president like Obama is a symptom of what two larger problems?
 - 1 – A citizenry easily _____ by rhetoric.
 - 2 – the Left's cultural _____ of America's citizens.
11. The Left's misunderstanding and distortion of what made America _____ and _____ is the ROOT CAUSE of America's cultural, civic, and political erosion.

Now we will explore four root causes of America's move toward the Left and away from the principles that made our country great!

1 - Rights, Not Duties (rights overtaking duties)

12. Teddy warns against a self-centered citizenry more conscious of its _____ than _____.
13. According to Mr. Romney, what percentage of Americans are dependent upon government!?!? _____
14. What happens when citizens are more concerned with their "rights" instead of focusing on their duties?
15. You should already know this by now... The unalienable rights described in the Declaration of Independence - and enshrined in the Constitution - are endowed upon us by _____.
16. Government is instituted among men to: O "secure" our natural rights O provide our rights to us

17. What new “right” did Teddy’s cousin FDR introduce alongside Freedom of Speech and the Freedom of Worship?

Freedom from _____

❖ Do you think that “Freedom from Want” is actually a legitimate “right”? _____

18. What is the difference between a “negative right” and a “positive right”?

19. “Positive rights” are E_____

20. Citizens who don’t work never actually _____.

21. Citizens who rely on government, and therefore never fail, never actually _____

2 - Man, Perfected (the destructive pursuit of utopia)

22. T or F - A big part of the worldview of Western Civilization is the notion that man cannot be perfected. Man will always have flaws. (aka “sin nature”) O True O False

23. The recognition of our fallen nature reminds us to take what sort of view of the world we live in?

24. What is “utopian statism”?

3 - No Right or Wrong (pervasive moral relativism)

25. What does it mean to say that everything is “morally relative”?

26. What happens when knowledge is divorced from any sort of larger moral framework?

27. To the Founders, free peoples cannot govern themselves without individual citizens who tend to their own actions and their own _____ character.

28. Leftists like Barack Obama use rhetoric that encourages:

- A shift from duties and obligations to _____ and “_____”
- A belief on the eventual _____ of man
- A blurring of the lines of _____ and _____, good and bad

4 - Class Warfare

29. What is the left’s answer to the question “Why is life still so hard?”

30. What is class warfare?

❖ Where do you see class warfare these days?

31. Who gets blamed in the “blame game” these days?

32. Obama has claimed to be a unifier, but what impact has he actually had?

33. What worldview might you encounter on your college campus?

34. How will you handle facing attacks on your personal worldview in the future?