

Thomas Hobbes vs. John Locke

1. Describe Hobbes's view of human nature.
2. Describe Hobbes's "state of nature."
3. According to Hobbes, why do people create civil society?
4. What type of government, or sovereign, does Hobbes promote? Why?
5. What does Hobbes's view of human nature and the "state of nature" possibly have in common with Calvinism?
6. Describe Locke's view of human nature. How does it differ from Hobbes?
7. Describe Locke's "state of nature." How does it differ from Hobbes?

8. According to Locke, why do people create civil society?

9. What type of government, or sovereign, does Locke promote? Why?

10. What is Locke's "theory of property"? How does an individual acquire private property? Is there a limit? If so, what are the "rules"?

11. How might Locke's ideas have unintended, or negative, consequences? How does his view of property differ from that of the Native Americans described in Nash's article?