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Brutus I Reading Guide

1. What are free republics typically reduced to? Why?

2. Why is representation impossible?

3. How will legislation and the legislature falter in a free republic?

4. Explain the meaning of the following statement, found on page 4 of the reading:

“They will use the power, when they have acquired it, to the purposes of gratifying their own interest and ambition, and it is scarcely possible, in a very large republic, to call them to account for their misconduct, or to prevent their abuses of power.”

5. Compare and contrast democracy and a “free republic.”

6. How have you seen Brutus’ ideas in modern American government? Give multiple examples.

Fill in the outline:

Thesis: The new constitution (7) (should/should not) be ratified because the structure of (8)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ proposed is (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Reason I: (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* The United States is too (11)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to support and maintain a (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Public good will be (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Reason II: (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is more likely

* There is (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ guarantee that (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will listen to the (17)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* (18) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cannot be supported by a standing (19) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but will instead depend on the support of (20) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Government would then become difficult to (21) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and be held (22)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Reason III: (23) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Government won’t be able to adequately (24) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the (25) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and vice versa.