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## Answer Key: Pizza Party Politics: Can You Rule the 2nd Grade Classroom?

Young citizens build leadership skills by comparing fair rules, deciding who gets the last slice, and exploring how a classroom community works together.

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**1. Imagine your class is picking a new game for recess. If everyone gets one vote and the game with the most votes wins, what is this called?**

**Answer:** C) A majority vote

In a democracy or a group setting, a 'majority vote' means the choice with the most support from the people is the one that is picked.

**2. True or False: A fair rule is a rule that only helps one person in the classroom while everyone else has to be sad.**

**Answer:** B) False

Fairness in political philosophy means that rules should be just and consider the well-being of the whole community, not just one person.

**3. If a teacher and students agree to follow rules so everyone stays safe, they are making a \_\_\_\_.**

**Answer:** A) Social contract

A social contract is an unwritten agreement where people agree to follow rules in exchange for safety and order in their community.

**4. If there is only one swing set but ten kids want to play, which solution shows 'distributive justice' or fairness?**

**Answer:** B) Taking turns using a timer so everyone gets a chance

Justice often involves finding a way to share resources (like a swing) fairly so that everyone in the group is treated equally.

**5. True or False: Every citizen in a community has both 'rights' (things they are allowed to do) and 'responsibilities' (things they should do to help).**

**Answer:** A) True

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Citizenship involves a balance; you have the right to be safe, but the responsibility to follow safety rules to help others.

**6. In a classroom, the teacher acts as the \_\_\_\_\_, making sure everyone follows the rules and stays safe.**

**Answer:** B) Authority

An authority is a person or group that has the power to lead and make decisions for the good of the community.

**7. What is the 'Common Good' in a 2nd grade classroom?**

**Answer:** C) Something that helps everyone in the class learn and feel safe

The 'Common Good' refers to actions or rules that benefit all members of a community rather than just one person.

**8. True or False: If you are the leader of a group, you should be able to make any rule you want, even if it hurts people.**

**Answer:** B) False

Good political leaders must follow principles of 'legitimacy' and 'justice,' meaning their power should be used to protect and help people.

**9. When you have the \_\_\_\_\_ to choose which book you want to read, you are using your liberty.**

**Answer:** B) Freedom

Liberty is another word for freedom, which is the ability to make your own choices within a community.

**10. Which of these is an example of 'Equality' in the cafeteria?**

**Answer:** C) Every student getting a tray of food no matter who they are

Equality means treating people the same way and providing them with the same opportunities regardless of their differences.