Discussion Questions -

Declaration of Independence

Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen

Constitution of the United States of America

- 1. Why does the Declaration of Independence talk about the "pursuit of happiness" instead of talking about each person's right to be happy?
- 2. What do the writers of the Declaration mean they say that these rights are "unalienable?"
- 3. Why does the Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen define "resistance to oppression" as an imprescriptible right of man?
- 4. If liberty is the freedom to do that which does not injure another person, why do so many people today insist that they have a right to do what they wish, whether or not it injures another person?
- 5. Why did the framers of the Constitution grant religious freedom to all citizens of the United States?
- 6. What does due process of law mean?
- 7. Why is it important for a person to be informed of his crime; what does habeas corpus mean?