Foundations of Government Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Why Government? Worksheet
Mr. Faulhaber Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. As you learned in Mrs. F.’s Classroom, one of the defining features of a civilization is that has a government. In 2-3 sentences, discuss in a few sentences what a government is and why government maters.

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2. The famous historian David McCullough lamented that Americans were historically illiterate. Based upon the results of the civics test and the results of the parents surveyed by the class, it appears a similar statement could be made regarding civic knowledge. In 2-3 sentences, discuss why should this ignorance concern us?

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3. (Former) Justice David Souter on Civic Knowledge (from 3:25 until 6:36) Video Notes

 <http://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow/watch/perils-of-eroded-civic-knowledge-forewarned-790540867791?cid=sm_fb_maddow>
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4. What was his theme or message?

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5. Do you agree with his theme or message? Explain.

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6. How does his theme or message relate to the course syllabus?
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7. Why did you think this course is required? What is the Point?
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**EXTRA CREDIT EXTENSION: Watch Sasse on Kavanaugh Hearing: “We Can And We Should Do Better Than This” (15:47 Minutes):**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IlAHS6pT5A4>
**+ Notes
   + What was Senator Sasse's Point? How does this reflect Souter's concern?**