**Putting ideas into practice:**

Example 1: **Preamble to the Constitution**

*We the People of the United States in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this CONSTITUTION for the United States of America.*

* Which ideas in that sentence reflect principles of Classical Republicanism? Natural Rights Philosophy? Which, if any, principles would both classical republicans and natural rights philosophers embrace?

Example 2: **The Constitution of the United States**

Work in at least four groups.

Groups with the number one should examine Article I

Groups with the number two, Article II

Groups with the number three, Article III

Groups with the number four, Articles IV-VII

* Identify how the wording and structure of each Article demonstrates principles of Classical Republicanism and Natural Rights Philosophy.

If more than one group examines each of the Articles, those groups should compare notes to see if they agree or disagree. Then groups should report their findings and conclusions on each Article.

The discussion that follows will focus primarily on how principles from each tradition are reflected in our constitutional system and how the Constitution seeks to resolve conflicts between the two traditions.