

# Vocabulary John Locke's *Letter on Tolerance*

## Authority Vocabulary

1. coercion - The act of persuading someone to do something by force.

- **Example:** Alexander the Great conquered many different lands *through coercion* - the people he conquered did not want to submit to his authority, but he forced them to.

2. to impose - to establish a restriction or rule by force onto someone.

- **Example:** The colonists in Boston were not happy that the English king *imposed* taxes *on* them.

3. to allow - decide that something is legal or acceptable.

- **Example:** I *allow* my brother *to play* my Nintendo Switch - he can play whenever he wants to.

4. to prohibit - to formally forbid (not allow) by law, rule, or authority.

- **Example:** I *prohibit* my brother *from* playing my Nintendo Switch because he ate all my cookies without my permission.

5. to justify - to demonstrate as right or reasonable.

- **Example:** I *justified* my argument *with* facts and data about the topic.

6. Repercussions - unintended consequences of an event or action

- **Example:** There was no doubt there would be *repercussions* if the government responded late to the virus, but we didn't know what they would be.

## Religion Vocabulary

7. Belief - Something that a person thinks or believes is true.

8. Religion - A collection of beliefs, faith, and/or worship.

9. Follower - A person who supports and admires a particular person or set of ideas.

- **Example:** *Followers* of Judaism celebrate Hanukkah.

10. Member - A person who is part of a group.

- **Example:** *Members* of the local church sing Christmas carols during the holidays.

11. Tolerance - Willingness to allow the existence of opinions or behavior that one disagrees with.

- **Example:** Even though he is vegetarian, he *shows tolerance for* people who eat meat.

## **Miscellaneous Vocabulary**

12. Worksheet - a paper listing questions or tasks for students

- Example: The paper that has exercises about Locke's *Letter on Tolerance* is a **worksheet**, not a questionnaire.

13. Doctrine

14. Authority

15. Command

16. Disobedience

17. To attribute

18. To obligate / Obligation / Require