Lesson Assessment

John Locke Spells Out the Laws of Good Government

Think back to the story The Philosopher and the Princess. In this story, John Locke explains his ideas on government to Princess Mary. Mary is on her way to London. There she will join her husband, William. The English Parliament is going to crown William and Mary king and queen of England.

Pretend you are a passenger on the boat. You overhear the conversation between John Locke and Princess Mary. You are excited by what you hear. So you decide to write a letter to a friend. Your friend also has ideas about government. You think he would be interested in Locke’s ideas.

Start by describing John Locke to your friend. Who was he? What did he do? Then explain Locke’s ideas on government. To refresh your memory, read the story again. For a date on your letter, use February 12, 1689.

A friendly letter has five parts:

- Heading: the date
- Greeting: the name of the person you're writing to
- Body: the place where your message is written
- Closing: the place where you say good-bye
- Signature: your name

Here's an example of the format of a friendly letter:

Heading (date)

Greeting,

Body (Indent the first line. This is where you write your message.)

Closing,
Signature