***Comparing Collectivism and Individualism***

***Social Studies 30-1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

1. **Introduction**: For each of the following actions, state on a scale of 1 to 5 whether you feel the action is “only individualist principles” as 1, or “only collectivist principles” as 5. Review your responses with your classmates/teacher when complete.

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| **Action** | **1 2 3 4 5** |
| reselling concert tickets to your friends for more than you paid | **1 2 3 4 5** |
| helping at the volleyball tournament for bonus physical education marks | **1 2 3 4 5** |
| selling your notes from Biology 30 to a Grade 11 student who will be taking the course next year | **1 2 3 4 5** |
| volunteering to be your class representative on student council | **1 2 3 4 5** |
| running for student council president | **1 2 3 4 5** |
| volunteering to help students in Grade 9 who are having difficulties in math | **1 2 3 4 5** |
| providing government energy rebate cheques to Albertans | **1 2 3 4 5** |
| making a tax-deductible donation to the local homeless shelter | **1 2 3 4 5** |
| lobbying the government to gain access to protected wilderness areas for a group of all-terrain vehicle users | **1 2 3 4 5** |
| interning “enemy aliens” during the First and Second World Wars | **1 2 3 4 5** |
| requiring conscription or compulsory military service in Canada | **1 2 3 4 5** |

1. **Questions for Thought & Discussion**.
2. Give an example of how an individual action could benefit the common good.

1. Give an example of how a collective action could benefit the individual good.
2. What are the characteristics of a person who primarily values individualism?
3. What are the characteristics of a person who primarily values collectivism?
4. Give examples from your community of individual/collective actions that promoted the common good.
5. **Key Principles:** Ensure that you understand the following key principles of liberalism (individualism) and collectivism.

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| **Principles of Liberalism**  -individual rights and freedoms  -self-interest  -competition  -economic freedom  -rule of law  -private property | **Example of Principle at work in Society** |
| **Principles of Collectivism**  -collective responsibility  -collective interest  -cooperation  -economic equality  -adherence to collective norms  -public property  \ | **Example of Principle at work in Society** |

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