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Actual student's answer will vary. Slang is acceptable. Example of correct answer:

Sometimes in life folks must break away from the other folks who share a government.

They are as free and good as anyone else because that's what God wanted. But you can't just leave and not explain, so it's a good thing to list the whys.