

Before reading “The Bet”

- It is a short story written by famous Russian author Anton Chekhov in 1889.
 - What else was happening in Europe in 1889? Use your phones to find ideas. Share with the class and add 3 important events to your notes.
- Short stories were a new form of writing in this time – most fictional writing in this era was realistic fiction.
- Authors used short stories to write about controversial & important topics
- They are “short and sweet”
 - Short: you get into the story quickly and it ends quickly.
 - Sweet: the themes and big ideas of short stories are often powerful and poignant



Before reading "The Bet"

- Characters: A rich banker and a confident young lawyer
 - Who will be the protagonist and antagonist in this story?
 - Chekov leaves it vague on purpose! Who will you side with? Do you see yourself in either character?
- Big Idea of "The Bet": Which is more just: Capital Punishment or life imprisonment?

In your notes, pick ONE quote and explain what it means in your own words.

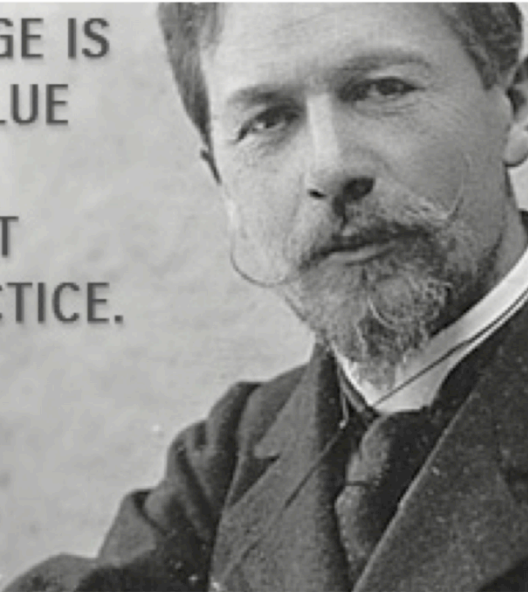
It's easier to ask the poor for help than the rich

~ Anton Pavlovich Chekhov ~



KNOWLEDGE IS OF NO VALUE UNLESS YOU PUT IT INTO PRACTICE.

Anton Chekhov



ANY IDIOT CAN FACE A CRISIS. IT IS THIS DAY-TO-DAY LIVING THAT WEARS YOU OUT.

Anton Chekhov (1860-1904)

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"The Bet" Short Story - Vocabulary

Vocab Word	Definition	Example/Sentence
Despise		
Contempt		
Emaciated		
Indiscriminately		
Voluntary		
Compulsory		
Liberty		
Capital Punishment		
Frivolous		

Despise

- Definitions: To dislike something or someone very much
- Example: She despises broccoli because of its strong smell and boring flavor. .



Contempt

- Definition:
 - Lack of respect for something or someone.
 - A feeling that someone/ something is not worthy of respect.
- Example: Simon Cowell from "America's Got Talent" looks at poor performances with contempt.



contempt

① lip corner tightened and raised on only one side of face



Emaciated

- Definition: Very thin and skinny because of hunger or disease
- Example: The man rescued the emaciated dog and decided to nurse the dog back to health.



Indiscriminately

- Definition: Not careful in making choices, without thinking logically or picking something carefully.
- In your notes, explain how this example shows something being used indiscriminately and use that in your sentence.

**I, punctuate!
Indiscriminately;**

Voluntary

- Definition: Done because you want to and not because you are forced to do it.
- Example: Explain in your notes why Katniss voluntarily offers to be tribute instead of Prim. Use a form of “voluntary” in your sentence.



Compulsory

- Definition:
 - Required by law
 - having the power to force someone to do something
- Example: Explain two **other** examples of things that are compulsory while driving. Use “compulsory” in your sentence.



Liberty

- Definition:
 - Being able to act and speak freely
 - The power to do or choose what you want to do
- Example:
Explain how the quote and picture connect to the idea of liberty. Use "liberty" in your sentence.

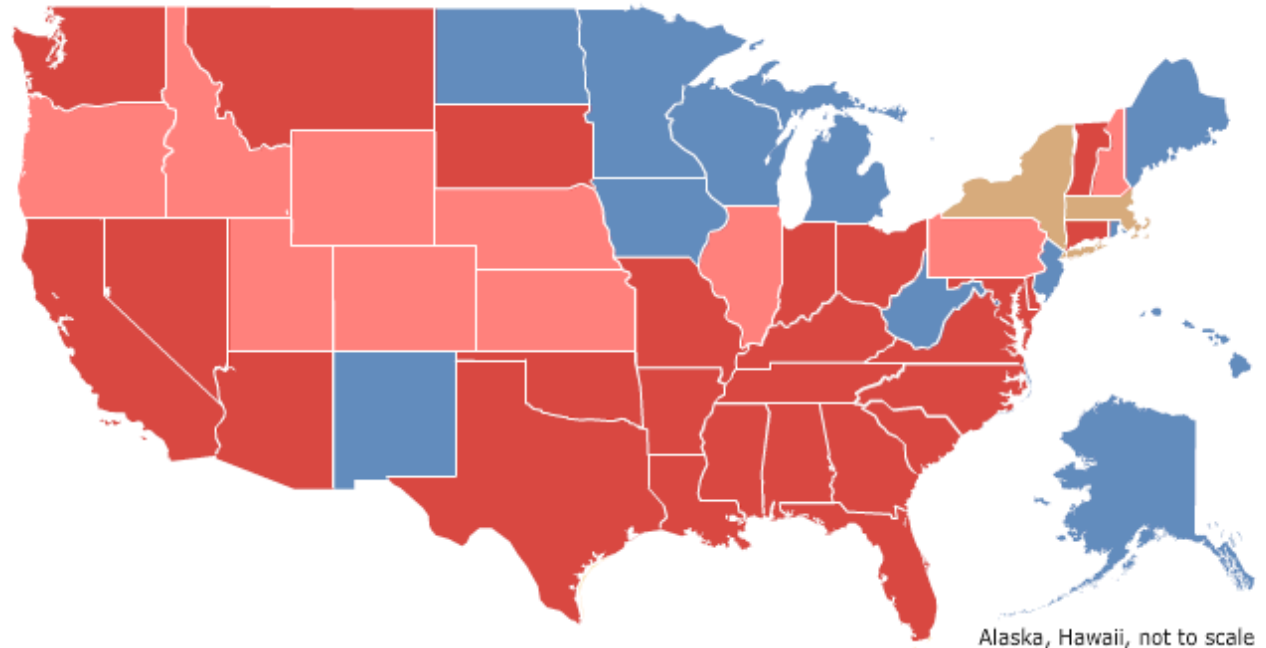


LIBERTY

You can remain a slave, protected by your master's glass cage or you can jump out and live unprotected but free.

Capital Punishment

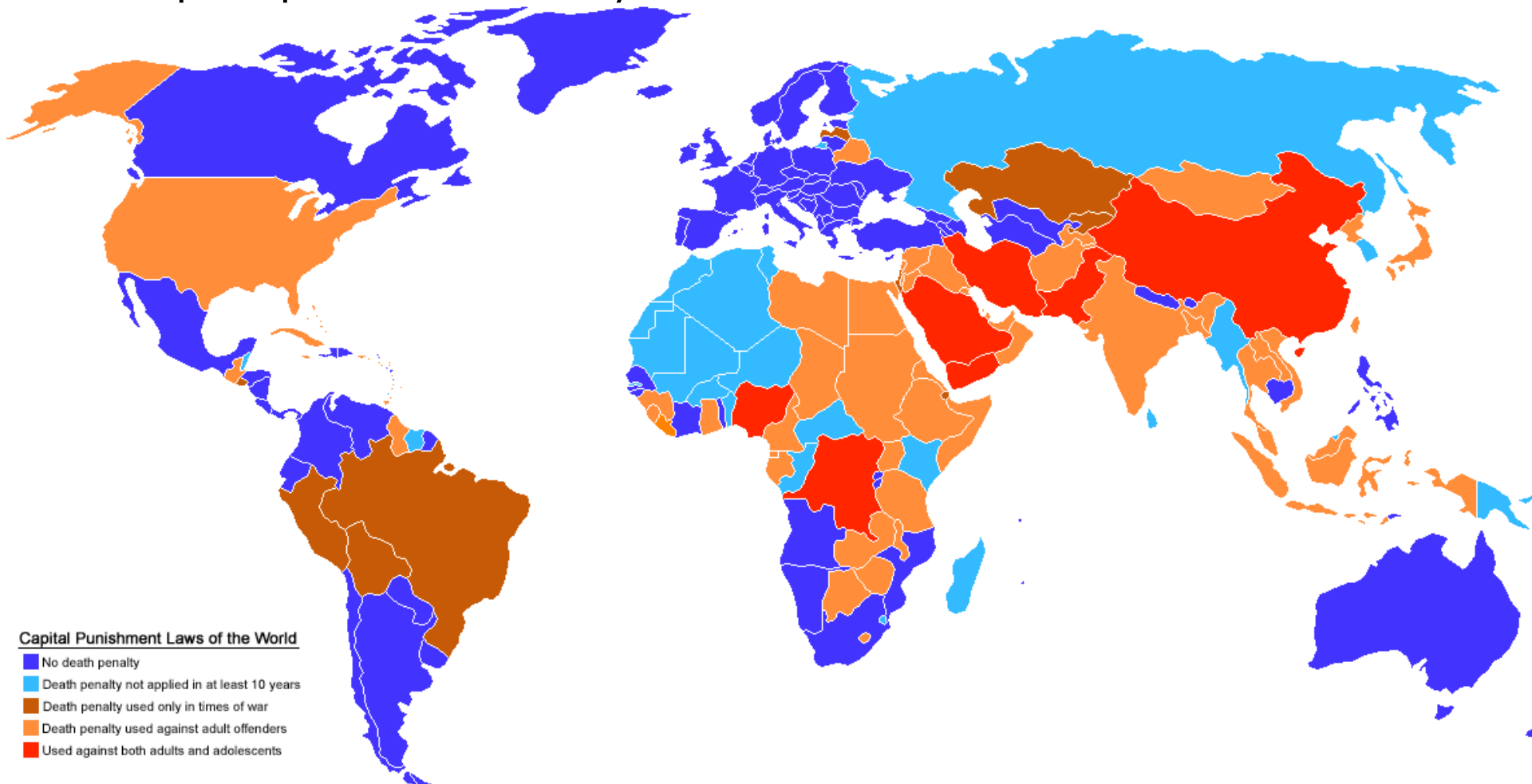
- Definition: Punishment by death for a serious crime
- Example: Read the map, which category does Michigan fit into?
Michigan
fit into?
Identify 2
states that
do allow
capital
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a complete
vocabulary
word.



- With death penalty
- With death penalty but not used since 2000
- Death penalty or method declared unconstitutional, but this may be revised
- Without death penalty

Capital Punishment around the World

- What is most surprising about this map and explain why. Use “Capital punishment” in your sentences.



Capital Punishment Laws of the World

- No death penalty
- Death penalty not applied in at least 10 years
- Death penalty used only in times of war
- Death penalty used against adult offenders
- Used against both adults and adolescents

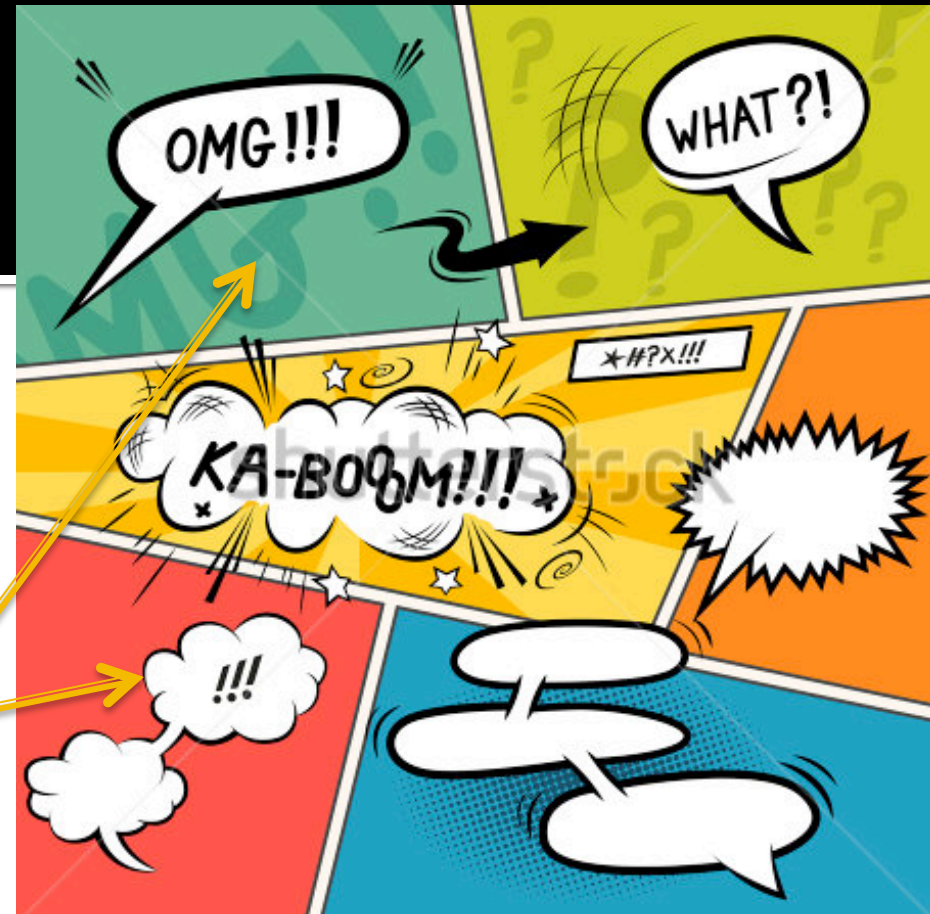
Frivolous

- Definition: Not important, silly, not serious.
- Example: Identify two reasons why this car would be a frivolous purchase in Michigan. Use “frivolous” in your sentence.



Vocabulary Practice

- Using 8.5x11 white printer paper, create a comic that **tells a story** and is at least **4 frames long**.
- You must use at least **3 vocabulary words** in the context of your comic.
- Your comic must have **speech or thought bubbles** and **characters**.
- Your comic must be neat and colorful for full credit.
- Be creative! The funniest/most creative comic wins extra credit.



Due Tomorrow: Completed Notes worksheet and Comic.
These directions are also located on the class website:
www.wittenglish.weebly.com