**Excerpts from Rousseau’s *The Social Contract***

I...regard the establishment of the political body as a real **contract** between the people and the chiefs chosen by them: a contract by which both parties bind themselves to observe the laws therein expressed, which form the ties of their union.

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1. According to this excerpt from *The Social Contract*, what do the people and the government

agree to as a part of the contract?

From whatever side we approach our principle [belief], we reach the same conclusion, that the social compact [contract] sets up among the citizens an equality of such a kind, that they all bind themselves to observe the same conditions and should therefore all enjoy the same rights.

2. According to Rousseau, what is one advantage of the social contract?