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ÉPREUVE SUR DOSSIER

PREMIÈRE PARTIE

Vous procéderez en anglais à la mise en relation des documents suivants, en vous appuyant sur la consigne ci-dessous :

Analyze the nature of the relationship between the U.S. Federal Government and the State Governments from a Southern perspective as presented in the following documents.

Document A : an excerpt from President Barack Obama's inaugural address (Jan. 20, 2009)

Document B : an excerpt from the prepared text of Governor Robert Bentley's inauguration address (Jan. 17, 2011)

Document C : Republican candidate for Alabama Governor Tim James's answer to one of the moderator's questions (excerpt from a gubernatorial debate organized on Nov. 10, 2009)

DOCUMENT A

[...] For everywhere we look, there is work to be done. The state of the economy calls for action, bold and swift, and we will act – not only to create new jobs, but to lay a new foundation for growth. We will build the roads and bridges, the electric grids and digital lines that feed our commerce and bind us together. We will restore science to its rightful place, and wield technology's wonders to raise health care's quality and lower its cost. We will harness the sun and the winds and the soil to fuel our cars and run our factories. And we will transform our schools and colleges and universities to meet the demands of a new age. All this we can do. And all this we will do.

Now, there are some who question the scale of our ambitions – who suggest that our system cannot tolerate too many big plans. Their memories are short. For they have forgotten what this country has already done; what free men and women can achieve when imagination is joined to common purpose, and necessity to courage.

What the cynics fail to understand is that the ground has shifted beneath them – that the stale political arguments that have consumed us for so long no longer apply. The question we ask today is not whether our government is too big or too small, but whether it works – whether it helps families find jobs at a decent wage, care they can afford, a retirement that is dignified. Where the answer is yes, we intend to move forward. Where the answer is no, programs will end. And those of us who manage the public's dollars will be held to account – to spend wisely, reform bad habits, and do our business in the light of day – because only then can we restore the vital trust between a people and their government.

Nor is the question before us whether the market is a force for good or ill. Its power to generate wealth and expand freedom is unmatched, but this crisis has reminded us that without a watchful eye, the market can spin out of control – and that a nation cannot prosper long when it favors only the prosperous. The success of our economy has always depended not just on the size of our gross domestic product, but on the reach of our prosperity; on our ability to extend opportunity to every willing heart – not out of charity, but because it is the surest route to our common good. [...]

Excerpt from President Barack Obama's inaugural address, January 20, 2009

DOCUMENT B

[...] I feel like I've spent the last 18 months interviewing for a job, and I'm proud and humbled to have gotten the job. Now that you, the people, have hired me, I am no longer the Republican candidate for governor. I am the governor of all of Alabama — Democrat, Republican and independent, young and old, black and white, rich and poor.

My job is to make all of our lives better together. And let me also say how I look forward to working with the new leadership of our House and Senate to accomplish that. I am particularly honored to be inaugurated on a day celebrating the life of one of our country's most influential leaders. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached about facing challenge and adversity not far from where we stand today.

Dr. King once said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." I believe these words continue to ring true. I know these are challenging times for many of our citizens. I've looked into the eyes of those who've lost jobs and can't feed their families. I've talked to people who have lost their homes. What I am trying to say is that I know times are tough. I've seen the challenges. But as I've traveled all across Alabama, I've also been reminded of the strength and determination of our resilient people.

I want to take a moment to encourage you to do what I've done. Travel this state — take time to enjoy the beauty of Alabama. Visit the mountains of north Alabama, enjoy our clear lakes and streams, stroll the main streets of our small towns in rural Alabama, and spend some good, quality time on the beautiful, clean beaches of Gulf Shores. I believe, if you do this, you will learn what many of us have known all our lives: We are fortunate to live in a remarkable state.

We have so much to celebrate in Alabama today, our past and our future. I've always been an optimist. Maybe it's my background as a physician, but I've always believed that, if I listened to my patients, diagnosed the problem and we worked together to determine a course of treatment, we could overcome their challenges. And after talking — and listening — to so many people across the state, I know that, working together, we will make things better for all Alabamians. Now, that process has begun.

[...] All across America, people are looking for leadership. If nothing else, the 2010 elections told us the people of America are fed up with business as usual. They're tired of partisan politics and the federal government. They want action, not arguments. Americans are looking to their own state governments to provide leadership. And we're going to do that in Alabama.

We live in a great country, and we will work with the federal government when we can, but they will not dictate our every move. As elected representatives, we answer to you, the people of Alabama, not to politicians in Washington. I will defend our right to govern ourselves under our own laws and to make our own decisions without federal interference. But I will also always remember the words of the Declaration of Independence, signed by our brave forefathers on July 4, 1776: "That we hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their creator, with certain unalienable rights." These unalienable rights cannot be surrendered, bought or sold because they come from our creator, not from the government. In Alabama, from this day forth, government will only be an instrument for protection of these rights.

Excerpt from the prepared text of Governor Robert Bentley's inauguration address delivered Jan. 17, 2011, at the Alabama Capitol.

DOCUMENT C

Audio: Republican candidate for Alabama Governor Tim James's answer to one of the moderator's questions.

Excerpt from a gubernatorial debate organized on November 10, 2009 in Springville, Alabama by the organizations *Campaign for Liberty, Rainy Day Patriots & the Conservative Patriots Club* between the candidates for Governor of Alabama in the Republican primary election: *Robert Bentley, Bill Johnson, Tim James.*

Source: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5UsOBs0-0r0&feature=related>
from 0'22" to 1'14" and from 2'17" to 4'07"