

DO NOW

1. Enter the room **QUIETLY** and sit in your assigned seat!
2. **Respond to the following question in an essay format on a SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER** I am collecting & grading these!

**HINT- Use your notes and WTP Book!!! 😊*

YOU HAVE 15 MINS from when class begins

The Declaration of Independence told the world why the Americans wanted to free themselves from British rule. The Declaration stated the Founders' beliefs about government.

- A. Using the Declaration as your source, in your own words describe the principles of good government.
- B. Where did the **Founders** get these ideas?
- C. Do you think these principles are valid today? Why or why not?

Why did American colonists have the rights of Englishmen?

1. The Rights of Englishmen were established over centuries of British rule.
2. Rights of Englishmen were certain rights that ALL the subjects of the English Monarch were believed to have.

3. These rights included;

1. Rights to a trial by jury,



2. Security from unlawful entry into ones home ,



3. No taxation without consent!.



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4. Since all of the colonists
were technically still under
British rule, the
Rights of Englishmen applied!!



5. ** For our study it is IMPORTANT to understand these rights and how they Developed+ Changed over time,
6. **It is also important to understand that the constitution of Great Britain is NOT! 1 document!!! It is made up of 2 parts!

7. The **constitution** of
Great Britain

 Common Law =
based on customs and
decisions of the courts

 Parliament =
legislative body of the
British government



→ **British Parliament**

American Congress ←



- **STOP AND THINK → Why were the colonist's able to sit down and write 1 document that defined gov?**



What It was Like In Merry Old England

- Unlike the American Colonies, England still had classes of people and titles.
- King George III still ruled over the Nobles (Knights, Lords...), but they were still much more powerful than the commoners.



- **STOP AND THINK** → Since there were NO titles in the American Colonies, what special class of people was created AND had power?

Middle class!!!



- 3. This was called the ***Feudal System**
where you were 1 of 3 classes: **Royalty** ←
Nobility ← or
commoner .

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4. Under the ***Feudal System** system it became a custom for the **King** to **SHARE** power with the **nobles** ...they liked it!

5. in **1215** they forced the King to sign the ***MAGNA CARTA** also known as the Great ***charter**

- 6. The **Magna Carta* is perhaps the **first** **WRITTEN** document that **LIMITS** a ruler's **POWER!!!**.

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7. The **Magna Carta* had **2** ideas that influenced the **founders* in a MAJOR WAY!

1. Government is based on a
contract between the
ruler and the
people.

*** If either side breaks that
contract = INVALID

2. **BOTH** the **government**
and the **people**
MUST obey the **LAW** !!

*** ***Rule Of Law** =
limits the powers of
government !



- **STOP AND THINK** → Who else does this sound like? *HE was actually influenced by the Magna Carta!!!*
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- → How does this influence the founders?
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8. In 1258 the nobles
forced the King to make an
advisory council
this was and is called
Parliament.

9. Over time Parliament
power grew, and in 1628 they forced the King
to sign the Petition of Rights.

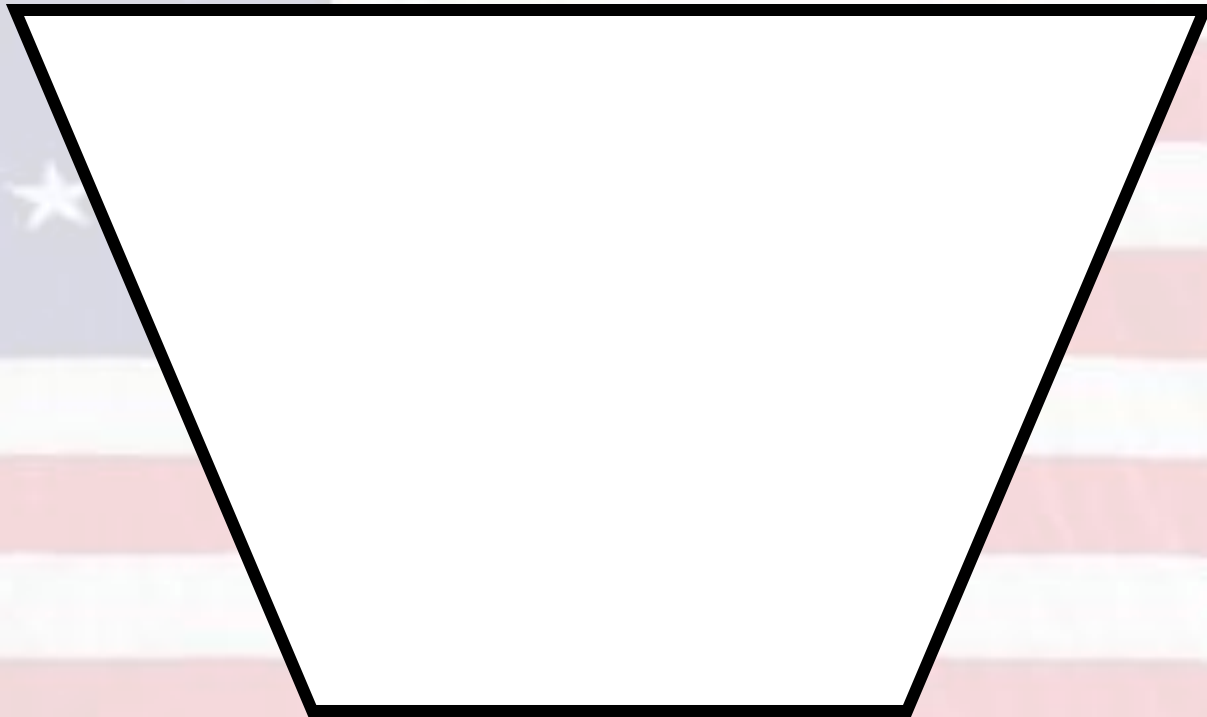
10. The English Bill of Rights
further limited the
King's power

English Bill Of Rights- the King could NOT... (pg 55)

1	Collect taxes without the consent of Parliament
2	Interfere with the right to free speech and debate in Parliament
3	Maintain an army in peacetime
4	Prevent Protestants from having arms for their defense
5	Require excessive bail or administer cruel punishment for those accused of or convicted of crimes
6	Declare laws made by Parliament should not be obeyed

Representative Democracy **SOUP!!!!**

The Ingredients that Influenced the Founders Ideas About Government



**Write down EVERYTHING YOU CAN THINK
OF THAT HAS Influenced the Founders Ideas
About Government**

American Revolution in *Fast Forward*

1. First there was King George III who ruled the colonies, but the colonists were NOT happy!!! He restricted them with too many rules and taxes!
2. The colonists sent the Declaration of Independence written by Thomas Jefferson
3. It laid out the ideals, arguments, complaints and concluded why the colonists wanted to “break up” with British government



4. In return the King sent troops over to destroy the colonists want for freedom, “freedom fever” BUT.... **WE WON!!! 😊**

5. **The United States of America** was born!





But What Would the Government Look Like- On Paper?

1. Since the founders were starting from scratch, we didn't succeed the first time around, BUT the experiences we had will inform our modern constitution+ gov - we learned from our mistakes!
2. The colonists were terrified of another King so they really focused States Rights
3. Their state constitution focused on legislative power (people) and
(pg 85)

1	Natural Rights and Higher Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Right to life, liberty and property- Laws that EVEN apply to GOV!!
2	Social Contract	Agreement between the people that they need a gov- the GOV does NOT exist without their consent
3	Popular Sovereignty	The person with the most support with represent the people in the government
4	Representation	In order to have a <i>REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY</i> we need representatives
5	Separation of Powers	The powers of gov are separated so no one branch has all of the power
6	Checks and Balances	Each branch can limit/ check the other branches power
7	LEGISLATIVE Supremacy	The branch of gov that represents the PEOPLE will have the MOST POWER

NO CENTRAL GOV! ... Except When We Need It?

1. Once the Revolutionary War started, each state was like its own nation. But its only by UNITING that we won the war. The *founders knew we would need a ***FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
2. The *Articles of Confederation was our nation's first constitution = set of rules
3. But since we were so afraid of another King, so most of the power was in the *legislative (people)
4. EVERY action taken by congress had to be with the consent, approval and cooperation of the states.

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- **AND THINK** → Is it easy to make *everyone* agree? *Republic*= **REPRESENTITIVES**

5. The federal gov essentially had

NO Power

6. After **Shay's rebellion** it

was clear the federal government needed

more **POWER** to

protect the **citizens**

and

unite the

states.

7. So we tried again, this time creating a

Constitution

that

SHARED

Powers, maintained our

independence

and

protect our natural rights.

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- **Read page 110 (bullet points)**
 - **Page 114 (Big States vs. Small States)**
 - **Page 122 (North vs. South)**
 - **Page 117 (Virginia Plan)**
 - **Page 117 (New Jersey Plan)**
 - **Page 119 The Great Compromise)**