

Unit 2 Study Guide - Government and Politics

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Unit 2: the Beginnings of American Government

Hour _____

* *Essential question for this topic: How much power should a government have?*

Definitions and examples

Central Questions

2.1 Origins of American Political Ideals

1. due process

2. charter

2.1 Origins of American Political Ideals

1. Explain the influence of the following ‘early’ documents on the future U.S. government.

a. **(1215) Magna Carta -**

b. **(1620) Mayflower Compact -** government based upon the consent of the people. It was the first document that provided for self-government in America.

c. **(1628) Petition of Right -**

d. **(1689) English Bill of Rights -**

2. Identify and Explain 3 basic ideas English colonists brought with them that will shape the government of the U.S.

a. **ordered government** - government regulates the happenings among people

b.

c.

3. In your own words, Explain how the different types of governments established in the colonies influenced the future U.S. government.

<p>2.2 Independence</p> <p>3. taxation without representation</p> <p>4. Stamp Act Congress-- Importance of the Stamp Act Congress in changing relations with the British.</p> <p>5. popular sovereignty</p>	<p>2.2 Independence</p> <p>4. Explain the evolution/relationship of British colonial policies and the American colonies from the 1600s to mid-1700s.</p> <p>5. List 3 examples of British colonial policies that upset colonists (1761-1776)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a.b.c. <p>6. Identify the significant accomplishments of the First and Second Continental Congress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. First Continental Congress: b. Second Continental Congress: <p>7. Identify 4 key revolutionary ideas included in the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a.b.c.d. <p>8. Explain why it was significant that the ideas in the Declaration of Independence created a new national identity.</p>
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<p><u>2.3 First Steps</u> 6. Articles of Confederation</p> <p>7. Shays' Rebellion</p> <p><u>2.4 Creating and Ratifying the Constitution</u> 8. Framers of the Constitution</p>	<p>9. List the 5 key features of state constitutions (see chart page 53)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="586 134 1526 474"> <tr><td>1.</td></tr> <tr><td>2.</td></tr> <tr><td>3.</td></tr> <tr><td>4.</td></tr> <tr><td>5.</td></tr> </table> <p>10. List the three key documents (and dates) in America's founding documents (see chart page 53)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="586 569 1526 772"> <tr><td>1776 - Declaration of Independence</td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> </table> <p><u>2.3 First Steps</u> 11. Explain two main issues that were debated around the creation of the Articles of Confederation.</p> <p>a.</p> <p>b.</p> <p>12. In your own words, Explain the reasons there was demand for a stronger central government in the mid-1780s.</p> <p><u>2.4 Creating and Ratifying the Constitution</u> 13. Explain the significance of 3 key debates/compromises at the Constitutional Convention. (see chart page 66)</p> <p>a. Connecticut/Great Compromise -</p>	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	1776 - Declaration of Independence		
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3.1 Overview of the Constitution

14. an example of popular sovereignty

15. an example of limited government

16. an example of separation of powers

17. an example of checks and balances

18. **Define** judicial review AND **identify** the landmark supreme court case related.

19. **Define** federalism

17. **Explain why** the Framers created a bicameral legislature.

18. **Explain** two points the Framers debated around the presidency/executive branch.

a.

b.

19. **Explain** why the Framers created a national judiciary.

20. **List** the 6 basic principles of U.S. Constitutionalism.

21. **Explain** how the principle of federalism settled the issue of national vs. States' rights. (include the terms, federal powers, state powers, and shared powers, as well as EXAMPLES of each!)