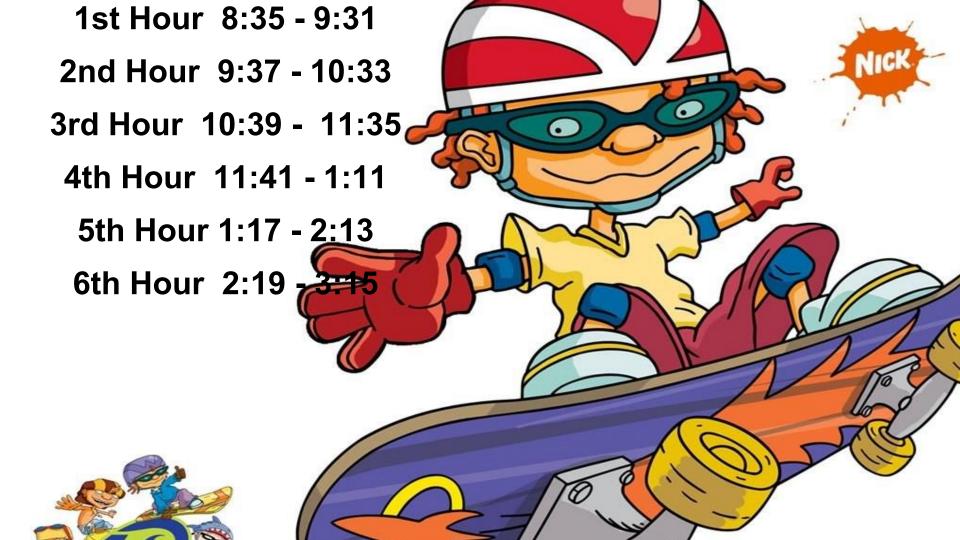
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Today in Class: Origins of American Political Ideals

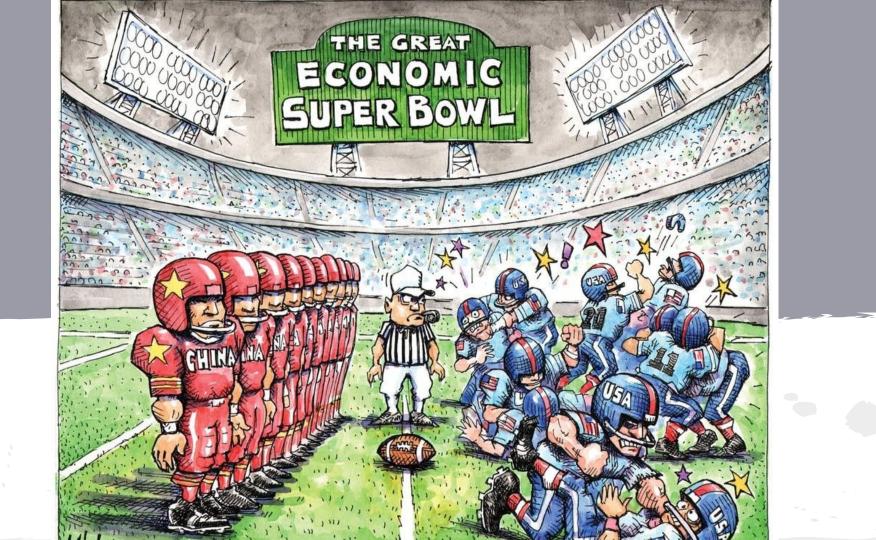
Today's Homework:

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Tomorrow in Class Town Hall Meeting







Today

Read page 46-54

Origins of American Constitutional Government

• Essential question for the unit: How much power should a government have?

Origins of American Constitutional Government

• The American system of government *did not* suddenly happen.

- The beginnings of the U.S. Constitution can be connected back to...
 - Enlightenment thinkers / philosophies
 - \circ the experiences of the colonists
 - landmark/historical documents created

Origins of American Constitutional Government

- The English settlers brought ideas about government with them to North America. Here are 3 in particular:
 - Ordered government and predictability
 - <u>Limited government</u> government is restricted in what it may do
 - <u>Representative government</u> government serves the will of the people

Influential Documents and Ideas

- Several landmark documents in English history were influential on the American Constitutional Government:
 - Magna Carta (1215) included guarantees of fundamental rights and protections against absolute power of the King. (View <u>Video</u>)
 - One of those fundamental rights was <u>due</u>
 <u>process of law = protection against taking</u>
 <u>of life, liberty or property</u>

Influential Documents and Ideas

- Petition of Right (1628) and English Bill of Rights (1689)
 - Both forced the royalty to limitations of their power king must obey the law of the land (rule of law)
 - <u>Protect certain rights</u> and freedoms of citizens to prevent the abuse of power by the monarchy (limited government).

Summary of Key Documents and Ideas

Summary of key English documents

- The Magna Carta
- The Petition of Right
- The English Bill of Rights

And...

 Mayflower Compact (considered one of the earliest forms of self-government)

• The "grand experiments"

 Colonies established based on <u>charters</u> = a written grant of authority from the King - it gave some governing rights to the colonists.

- Royal colonies -
 - subject to direct control of the King.
 - Governor and council (beginnings of a bicameral legislature)

- Proprietary colonies -
 - government much like the royal colonies.
 - Governor appointed by the owner of the land, not necessarily the king.
 - Developed a unicameral legislature.

- Charter colonies -
 - \circ $\,$ these were largely self-governing colonies.

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 - Possible answer: The colonists were strongly influenced by English political ideas such as <u>limited and representative</u> <u>government</u>.
 - These had the greatest impact on our constitutional government, because they were used to <u>model our system of</u> <u>government</u>, upon which all the other ideas are based and which is still in effect today.

Conclusions / Takeaways

- Quick write and report out:
 - Summarize the basic origins of American government