

American Government
Section 2:1

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Objectives

1. Identify the three concepts of government that influenced the American colonies.
2. Explain the influence of three landmark English documents.
3. Describe the three types of colonies that the English established in the American colonies.

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In Brief/Facts

- American colonists/English settlers brought with them the _____
of _____, _____, and _____.
- This tradition was based on _____,
including the _____, the _____,
and the _____, which established basic
concepts of government and rights of individuals.

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In Brief/Facts (continued)

- The English established _____, all of which
provided training for the colonists in the art of government: _____,
_____, and _____.

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Enduring Understandings

- Early colonists in America benefited from English traditions of government.
- The _____ served as a _____
_____.

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Essential Question

- What ideas and traditions influenced government in the English Colonies?

Note: You should be able to answer this accurately and thoroughly by the end of our studies of Chapter 2 – Section 1 – Origins of American Government.

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Key Terms

- _____: the idea that government is restricted in what it may do and that _____
- _____: the idea that _____ both _____ by _____; Officials selected by voters & held accountable in periodic elections.

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Key Terms

- _____: the Great Charter signed in 1215 that limited the powers of the English king and guaranteed certain fundamental rights; Established that the _____ & guaranteed trial by jury and due process of law to the nobility.

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Key Terms

- _____: protection against the unjust taking of life, liberty, or property; the government must act fairly and in accord with established rules in all that it does.
 - FYI: “This” clause in the _____ of the Constitution guarantees that no state deny basic rights to its people.
- _____: a document signed in 1628 that _____ the English _____ and _____ the _____

_____ ; _____ divine right of kings.

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Key Terms

- _____ : a document signed in 1689 (by William & Mary) that _____, such as due process and trial by jury, to all English citizens; _____.
- _____ : a written grant of authority from the king

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Key Terms

- _____ : having two houses, as in a _____
- _____ : the name given to colonies organized and governed according to the will of a proprietor, a person _____
- _____ : having only one house, as in a _____

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What ideas and traditions influenced government in the English Colonies?

- English customs and ideas about government, including:
 - The idea of _____
 - Need for _____ between colonists.
 - The _____
 - _____ is _____
 - The _____

– _____ should _____
the will of the _____.

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What ideas and traditions influenced government in the English Colonies?

English historical documents, including:

- The _____
- The _____
- The _____

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What ideas and traditions influenced government in the English Colonies?

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Concepts of Government

- The English _____ with them
_____ that had _____
_____ in England.

– Some ideas, such as the _____, had
_____ in _____
_____ civilizations.

- (i.e. Hammurabi’s Code; Old Testament of Bible - Eye for an Eye)

– _____ came from the
_____, who occupied England.

- (i.e. Legacy of law, religion, & custom)

– Many _____ were _____ English _____.

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Key Political Concepts

- _____ government
 - Local governments should be divided into units and ruled by officers according to law.
 - (Sheriff, Justice of the Peace, Grand Jury, Counties, etc.)
- _____ government
 - Individual citizens have basic rights
 - There are limits on government power
- _____ government
Checkpoint Question that goes with this: " What is representative government?)

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The Magna Carta

- Signed by King John in 1215
- Created by English barons to _____ once absolute _____.
- _____ certain _____ for the privileged, such as _____ and due _____.
- Over time, these rights were extended to all English people.



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Explain why the barons forced King John to sign the Magna Carta

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The Petition of Right

- The Petition of Right was signed by King Charles I in 1628.

- _____ the king from _____
_____ people _____
first _____.
- _____ the _____ from
declaring _____ rule in

_____ or making people _____
_____.
- Required the consent of Parliament for taxation.



Commemorative coin from the reign of Charles I

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The English Bill of Rights

(There's a Checkpoint Question that goes with this: What were the limitations of the English Bill of Rights?)

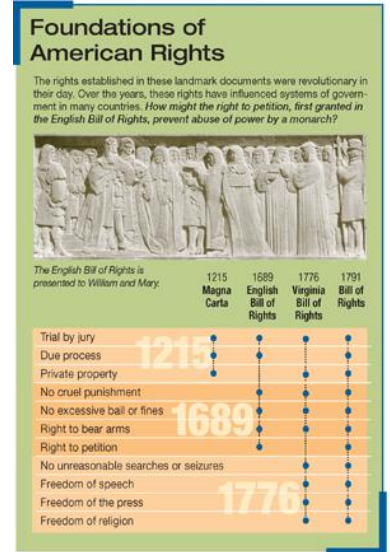
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What were the limitations of the English Bill of Rights?

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American Rights

- This chart _____ the _____
_____ by the **Magna Carta** and the **English Bill of Rights**
Rights _____ listed
in the **Virginia Bill of Rights** and the Bill of Rights in the **U.S. Constitution**.



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What do the Magna Carta, The Petition of Right, & the English Bill of Rights have in common?

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Background Info – Early Colonial Governments

The earliest English settlers in America _____
_____.

Before the *Mayflower* landed in 1620, the Pilgrims signed the _____, an agreement to enact laws and abide by them for the general good of the colony.

The government of _____ was later

_____ document.

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Background Info – Early Colonial Governments

In 1639, the Puritans in Connecticut adopted the _____,

the _____ in the American colonies.

- The plan of government set out the Fundamental Orders included

* _____

* _____ by male landowners.

- _____, _____, &
_____.

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Background Info – John Locke

▪ The ideas of English philosopher John Locke were so radical that he could not publish his *Treatises on Government* until 1690, ten years after its completion.

▪ Locke believed that all _____,
including life, liberty, and property.

- _____ those
_____.

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Background Info – John Locke

- _____ to do that, the people have the
_____ the government.

- This idea challenged the divine right of kings, and was used to _____
_____.

- Locke's _____ of _____,
 _____ and for the _____,
 and _____ greatly _____
 the _____ of the US Constitution.

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The Thirteen Colonies

- The colonies were established over a span of 125 years.
 - Virginia was the first colony, founded in 1607.
 - Georgia was the last, formed in 1733.
- The similarities among the colonies ultimately outweighed their differences.
 - _____ shaped by _____
 - Each colony was established on the basis of a _____ granted by the king.
 - These charters granted some governing authority to the colonies and kept some for the king.

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Three Types of Colonies

- Royal colonies were directly controlled by the king.
- Proprietary colonies were run by a proprietor chosen by the king.
- Charter colonies were run mainly by elected legislatures and were the most independent.
 - How many royal colonies were left at this time? How were royal colonies and charter colonies different?

The Thirteen Colonies, 1775



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Three Types of Colonies: Royal Colonies

(There is a Checkpoint question associated with this: What is the difference between a proprietary colony and a charter colony?)

- The _____;
 the colony was directly controlled by the king.

- MA (ME), NH, MA, NY, NJ, VA, NC, SC, GA

- Eventually, the king named...

– _____ – Colonies' _____
 _____; had to approve all laws (and so did the king)
 – _____ – _____
 to royal governor

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Three Types of Colonies: Royal Colonies

- _____ (Continued)
 - Later _____ of colonial legislature & _____
 - » Lower house legislature – elected by property owners qualified to vote; _____ some _____ with governor.

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Three Types of Colonies: Proprietary Colonies

- Run by the _____
- PA, DE, & MD
- _____
- These colonies were _____ much _____ colonies.
- Of the proprietary colonies, _____ had an _____ government with a _____ legislature.

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Three Types of Colonies: Charter Colonies

- _____ mainly by _____ and were _____
- CT & RI

- _____ in charter colony were _____ by property owning colonists and _____.
- The _____ legislature _____ the _____ of the _____.
- _____ were _____ the _____.
- Virginia and Massachusetts each had their charters revoked, becoming royal colonies.
- Charter colonies _____.

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Checkpoint Question:

What is the difference between a proprietary colony and charter colony?

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Do you agree? Why or why not?

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Review

- Now that you have learned what ideas and traditions influenced government in the English Colonies, go back and answer the Chapter Essential Question, "What ideas and traditions influenced government in the English Colonies?"

Another way to word the question:

- How does the Constitution reflect the times in which it was written?