

Ch. 1-2 Review Sheet:
Foundations of American Government

Ch. 1

Know all key terms (ex: unitary, federal, confederacy)!

1. What is the definition of government?
2. List the 4 basic characteristics of the state.
3. When/where does government first appear?
4. What are the 4 origins of state theories?
5. Describe Locke's social contract theory.
6. Describe the purposes of government based on the U.S. Constitution's preamble.
7. What type of government does the U.S. have (unitary, federal, or confederacy)?
8. Are we a republic or a direct democracy?
9. What is the purpose of a Constitution?
10. What are the differences between a presidential and parliamentary system of government.
11. Identify the forms of government based on the number of people who can participate.
12. Describe the 5 basic concepts of American democracy and evaluate whether or not you think these concepts exist in America.
13. What are the purposes of government according to the preamble of the US Constitution?

Ch. 2

Know all key terms!

1. Where did American colonists get their ideas about government?
2. What are the three English documents that limited the power of the king?
3. What is the date of the Declaration of Independence? Who was the main author?
4. What is the purpose of the Declaration of Independence? What are purposes of the different sections (intro, preamble, indictment, etc)?
5. List the inalienable rights found in the Declaration of Independence.
6. What are common features of state governments?
7. List the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.
8. How many states were needed to approve an amendment to the Articles of Confederation?
9. Describe key events leading up to the 1787 Constitutional Convention. What happened at Shay's Rebellion? What was a major reason for Shay's Rebellion?
10. Describe the Constitutional Convention. Where was it held and when? Who was the president of the convention?
11. Which state did not send a representative to the Constitutional Convention?
12. What were the compromises made at the Constitutional Convention? Which plans favored small states? What about large states?
13. Who is considered the "Father of the Constitution"?
14. Why were the Anti-federalists opposed to the Constitution?

15. Where was the temporary capital?

16. This founding father came up with the Connecticut Compromise.

17. This is how long Benjamin Franklin thought the Constitution would last.

18. How many states were needed to ratify the **US Constitution**?

19. What were the *Federalist Papers*?

Study your video guide: *Creating the Constitution*

Essay: What is the purpose of government in America based on our Constitution's preamble? How is our government doing at fulfilling this purpose?