

Unit 1: Foundations of American Government

At the end of this unit I can define and explain the significance of the following:

Absolute Monarchy	Constitutional Monarchy	Totalitarianism
Oligarchy	Aristocracy	Junta
Indirect Democracy	Direct Democracy	Natural Rights
Classical Republicanism	Declaration of Independence	John Locke
Thomas Jefferson	State of Nature	Civic Virtue
Magna Charta	English Parliament	Montesquieu
Social Contract	Greeks	Romans
Theocracy	Theocracy	Republic
English Bill of Rights of 1689		

Learning Targets:

I can explain the purpose of government.

I can summarize the four characteristics of a nation-state.

I can compare the theories explaining the origins of government.

I can describe the forces that help determine a nation's government.

I can trace the 5 principles of a Democracy.

I can describe the contributions of the Greeks and Romans to American government.

I can compare and contrast how Classical Republicanism philosophy differs from Natural Rights philosophy.

I can describe the contributions of the British to American Government.

I can describe what the contributions of early colonial America to American Government.

I can support why the American colonists wanted to declare independence.

I can explain how our government today balances the ideas of Classical Republicanism and Natural Rights.