

Unit 1 Study Guide Foundations of Government

1. List the 3 purposes of government 1. provide goods/services 2. keep order 3. protect citizens	How does our government perform each of these functions? 1. uses tax \$ to pay for public needs 2. creates laws and punishments to enforce laws 3. military, police, fire dept., homeland security
2. In what type of government can citizens elect other citizens to run their government?	Representative Democracy
3. The first form of Democracy was created by which Greek city-state? Athens	What type of democracy did they have? (Direct or Representative) Direct Democracy
4. Name the first document that limited the power of the English king in 1215.	Magna Carta
5. What pre-independence document was the first to create a democracy in the colonies and establish the principle of popular sovereignty?	Mayflower Compact
6. Which pre-independence document guaranteed individual rights to all citizens and became a model for the Bill of Rights?	English Bill of Rights
7. List the 5 principles of democracy. Use pg 9 to review their definitions	1. Popular Sovereignty 2. consent of the governed 3. majority rules 4. limited Government 5. rule of law
8. Under popular sovereignty who has the power?	The citizens
9. Which document discussed "natural rights?" Declaration of Independence	List the rights described in this document Life, liberty, pursuit of happiness
10. Who was the author of the Declaration of Independence? Thomas Jefferson	What other post-independence document did he write that inspired the 1 st Amendment? VA Statute of Religious Freedom
11. According to the Declaration of Independence, What may the people do if a government abuses its power?	Alter or Abolish it
12. Which pre-independence document served as a business agreement, but also brought English rights to the Colony of Jamestown?	First Charter of Virginia
13. Which document created the first form national government in the US, but gave it little power to pass and enforce laws?	Articles of Confederation
14. Which amendment defines citizenship in the United States?	14th Amendment

15. What are the 2 ways one can become a citizen?	1. born in the USA 2. Naturalized
16. Filing an intent and application for citizenship and taking an oath of loyalty are two of the steps in what process?	Naturalization
17. What 3 subjects must an immigrant know in order to pass a citizenship test?	1. Civics 2. US History 3. English
18. What is the difference between the duties and responsibilities of citizenship?	Duty= citizens' actions that are required by law Responsibility= Voluntary action of a citizen
19. obeying laws, serving on a jury or as a witness in court and paying taxes are all _____	Citizens' duties
20. Is voting a responsibility or a duty?	Responsibility
21. List 3 responsibilities of citizenship	1. Running for office 2. Campaigning 3. Volunteering
22. List 3 traits of a good citizen.	1. Honest and Trust worthy 2. Patriotic 3. Tolerant of others' beliefs

Possible short answer/essay questions

What is the most important function of government?

How do citizens participate and influence government?

How is citizenship acquired?

How did key documents influence the development of democracy in the United States?