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Civics Chapter 2

Foundations of Government

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What you will learn:

Section 1:

- What influences the form of a country's government?
- What distinguishes a democracy from other forms of government?
- What are the roles of government?

Section 2:

- What is the significance of the Declaration of Independence?
- What were the limitations of the Articles of Confederation?
- What was the effect of our weak national government?

Section 3:

- What principles founded in Great Britain influenced the writing of our constitution?
- How did the US government become stronger with the constitution?
- How did the viewpoints of the federalists and anti-federalists differ?

Why Americans Have Governments

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Types of governments:

1. What does "Govern" mean?
2. What is a government?
3. What does every country in the world have?

Monarchy:

4. Who controls a monarchy?
5. What is an absolute monarchy?
6. How do most monarchies operate today?

Dictatorships:

7. Who has the power in a dictatorship?
8. Who does the leader of an authoritarian government answer to?
9. What is a totalitarian government?

Theocracy:

10. Who is the ruler in a theocracy?
11. Who gave them power?

Democracy:

12. What is a direct democracy?
13. What is a representative democracy?
14. What is another name for representative democracy?

Purpose of government:

15. What are 4 reasons we have a government?
 - a. -
 - b. -

c. -

d. -

Constitution:

16. What is a constitution?
17. What does a constitution do?

The First US Government

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Before we were America:

1. Who owned the land that is America before us?
2. What upset the people that lived here?
3. What did they decide to do?

Declaration of Independence:

4. Who was it mostly written by?
5. Who approved it?
6. What 3 things does it do?
 - a. -
 - b. -
 - c. -

Articles of Confederation:

7. What were the articles of confederation?
8. What is a confederation?
9. What is sovereignty?
10. Who did the writers of the articles want to have sovereignty?

Weaknesses of the articles:

11. Read "Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation" on page 33 and list below the reasons they failed.

A New Constitution

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Reading Focus:

1. What is a constitution?
2. What is a delegate?
3. What was the constitutional convention?

The Delegates:

4. Who attended it?

An English Heritage:

5. What are some ideas the US got from other countries?
 - a. -
 - b. -
 - c. -
6. What is the Magna Carta?
7. What is Parliament?
8. What does Bicameral mean?
9. What 2 parts does our congress have?
 - a. -
 - b. -

Secret Meetings:

10. Why were the meetings to write the constitution held in secret? Page 42

Writing the Constitution:

11. What is federalism?
12. What is a compromise?
13. What was the most serious disagreement over?
14. What did the larger states want?
15. What did the smaller states want?

A Strong New Country:

16. What powers were given to the national government?
 - a. -
 - b. -
 - c. -
 - d. -
 - e. -
 - f. -

Approving The Constitution:

17. What does ratified mean?
18. How many states had to ratify it?

Federalists and Anti-Federalists:

19. Who were the federalists?

20. Who are some people that were federalists?

a. -

b. -

c. -

21. Who were the antifederalists?

22. Who is the best known antifederalists?

The Constitution Is Ratified:

23. What 2 states did not ratify the constitution?

24. What became our nation's capital?

25. Who became our first president?