American Political Documents

Historical Influences in Human Thinking

The Mayflower Compact 1620

John Locke: English Philosopher (1632-1704) theory of natural law and natural rights; the right to revolt against tyrannical governments

The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut 1638-1639

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Copernicus, The Revolution of the Heavenly bodies, 1543

Issac Newton, Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy (1687)

Scientific Revolution 1543 to present

Enlightenment (1689-1789)

Declaration of Independence 1776

The Virginia Bill of Rights 1776

Charles-Louis de Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu (1689-1755) The Spirit of Laws (A republic whose power is from the people is a democracy) Divide power into three separate branches that check and balance each other.

The Articles of Confederation 1781-1789

The Constitution of the United States of America 1789

The Federalist Papers, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, 1787

British Documents

The Magna Carta 1215

English Bill of Rights 1689

The Bill of Rights 1791

Magna Carta

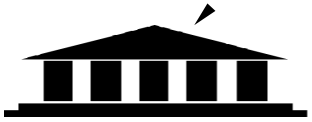
British Mixed Government Crown, Church, People

Historical Origin

Government of the United States of America

An other type of government

Canadian Parliament Prime Minister



Three Branches
Separation of Powers
Checks and Balances

Judicial

Judge

Legislative

Uncle Sam

Executive

Presidential seal

Supreme Court Appointed for Life

Circuit Courts of Appeals

U. S. District Courts

House of Representatives Elected for Two Year Terms

Senate Elected for Six Year Terms

Control over Budget

Impeachments

Congress can declare war

President Elected for Four Years

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Commander and Chief of Military

Vice President Elected for Four Years

President of the Senate

Cabinet: Agriculture, Attorney General, C.I.A., Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, EPA, HHS, Homeland Security, HUD, Interior, Labor, OMB, National Intelligence, SBA, State, Transportation, Treasury, Trade Representative, Veterans Affairs, VP, W.H. Chief of Staff

Cabinet Rank: Vice President; EPA, OMB, Chief of Staff; United States Trade Representative; Nation Drug Control Policy