

## SCPS - Civics EOC Review Guide

<b>Name of Document</b>	<b>How it Laid the Foundation for American Democracy</b>
Magna Carta	Limited Power of the monarchy, made its citizens have a trial by jury, eliminated the power of the king to have unjust taxes.
Parliament	Legislative branch of Great Britain- the idea of representative government
English Bill of Rights	Limits the power of the monarchy (limited government) – Idea that people have rights and they are recorded.
House of Burgesses	Legislature in the New World – In Virginia, 1 <sup>st</sup> colonial attempt at a government system.
Mayflower Compact	1 <sup>st</sup> written colonial constitution- social contract of the Pilgrims – direct democracy

<b>Event</b>	<b>How this caused the American Revolution</b>
French and Indian War	War between France and Great Britain for supremacy of land. Caused colonial heavy taxation-led to American Revolution.
Stamp Act	British law placing a tax on printed colonial matter: Paper products
Quartering Act	British 1760s law requiring colonists to supply the basic needs of British soldiers – 3 <sup>rd</sup> amendment protects Americans from this.
Declaratory Act	British act of Parliament declaring its right to tax and legislate over the colonies without colonial representation. (“No taxation without representation)
Tea Act	Forced colonist to buy tea only from the British East Indian Company.
Boston Tea Party	Protest by the Sons of Liberty against the British. Colonists dressed as Indians and threw tea overboard.
Common Sense	Pamphlet written by Thomas Paine that called for independence from Great Britain.
Author of the Declaration of Independence	Thomas Jefferson – John Locke’s ideas of: Life, Liberty and Property. Signed: July 4, 1776
Main Ideas of the Declaration of Independence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unalienable Rights- Life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.</li> <li>2. Grievances against the King of England. Listed the many abused the colonists suffered under the British king.</li> <li>3. Rights to revolt because the treatment they had received under British rule contradicted the purpose of Government.</li> </ol>

## Weaknesses

- No president/executive branch
- No single leader
- Could not enforce laws or taxes
- No power to regulate trade
- 9 out of 13 to make laws
- All 13 to make changes

## Articles of Confederation

## Strengths

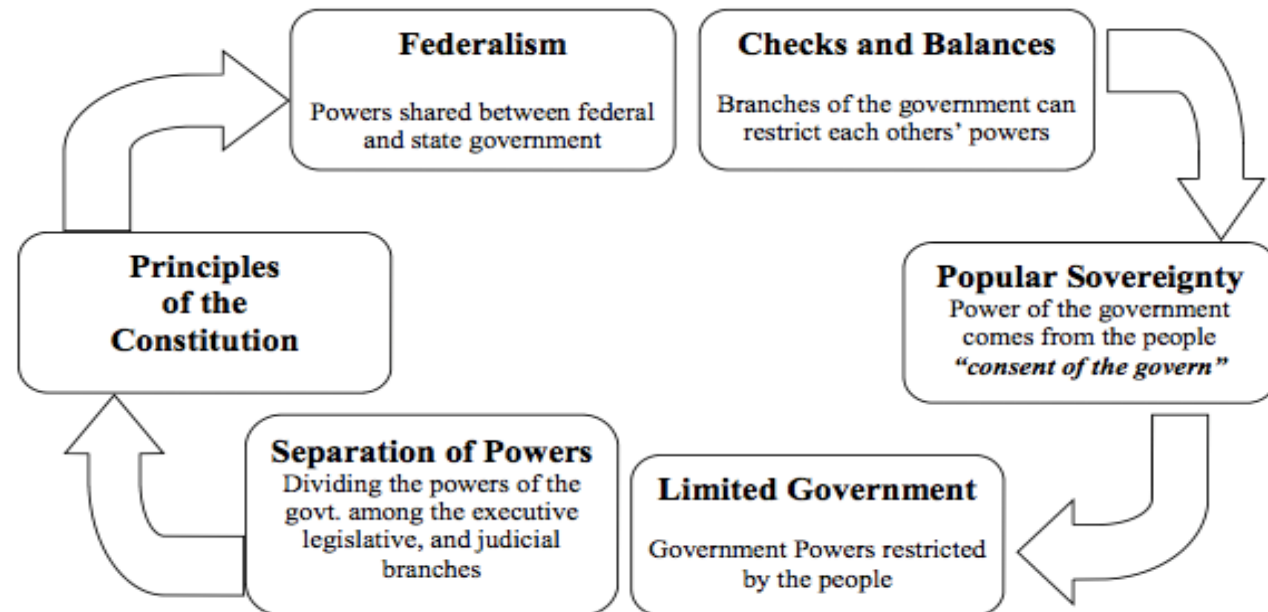
United 13 colonies into the United States of America

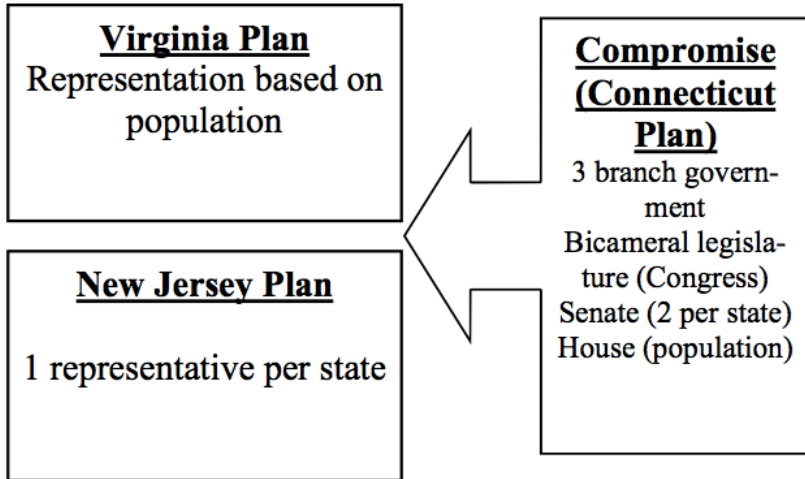
Defeated the British

Solved the issue of the Northwest Territory with three laws: Land Ordinances and Northwest Ordinances

## Shay's Rebellion

Rebellion by farmers against which President George Washington used federal power and troops *Farmers were heavily taxed because the Federal Government did not have power to tax*





**Federalist vs. Anti-Federalists Debate At The Constitutional Convention**

**Federalists**

**Who were they:** James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay

**What were their beliefs about the role of Government:**

Believed in a strong national government

**Anti-Federalists**

**Who were they:** Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry

**What were their beliefs about the role of Government:**  
Limited federal powers—Believed in State Right's

**What made them finally agree to the Constitution?**  
Bill of Rights

<p><b>Amendment that address the President:</b></p> <p>20<sup>th</sup>: Inauguration date of the President 22<sup>nd</sup>: Limit president to two terms 25<sup>th</sup>: Presidential succession Act</p>	<p><b>Amendments that Address Voting Rights:</b></p> <p>15<sup>th</sup>: Minority groups gain suffrage 19<sup>th</sup>: Women gain suffrage 26<sup>th</sup>: Voting age changed from 21 to 18 (Vietnam War)</p>
<p><b>Post Civil War Amendments</b></p> <p>13<sup>th</sup>: Abolish slavery 14<sup>th</sup>: Citizenship and due process of law on state level 15<sup>th</sup>: Minority groups gain suffrage</p>	<p><b>Amendments that Address Rights of the Accused</b></p> <p>4<sup>th</sup>: Privacy Amendment (Search Warrant) 5<sup>th</sup>: Eminent domain, grand jury, self-incrimination, double jeopardy, due process 6<sup>th</sup>: Right to a speedy and public trial; Right to an attorney 8<sup>th</sup>: Protection from cruel and unusual punishment, excessive bail.</p>

# Bill of Rights

**1st Amendment:** Freedom of speech, press, religion, petition, and assembly

**2nd Amendment:** Right to bear arms (owning of Guns)

**3rd Amendment:** Quartering of Soldiers

**4th Amendment:** Privacy Act (search warrant) protection against of illegal search and seizures

**5th Amendment:** self-incrimination, due process of law, grand jury, eminent domain, and double jeopardy

**6th Amendment:** speedy and public trial, right to attorney

**7th Amendment:** Right to a jury in CIVIL CASES

**8th Amendment:** Protection against cruel and unusual punishment; excessive bail

**9th Amendment:** unmentioned rights

**10th Amendment:** Reserved Powers e.g. marriage, education, divorce, professional certification

## Felony

Murder, Arson, Kidnapping, Rape, DUI, Drug Trafficking

Serious crime, such as murder or arson

Prison sentences, capital punishment

## V.

### Examples

### Definition

### Punishments

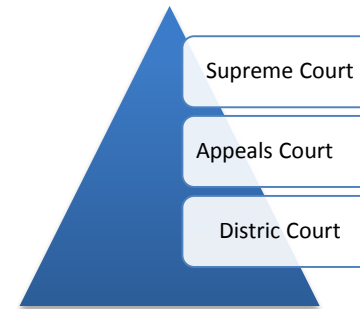
## Misdemeanor

Petty theft, minor traffic violations

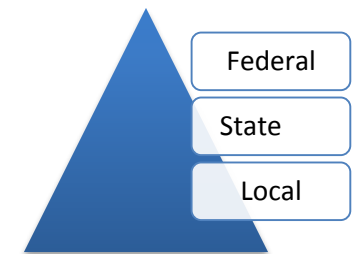
Minor offenses punishable by up to a year in jail or a fine

Fines, short prison sentences

### Levels of Court Systems



### Levels of Government



## Federal Court System

### Supreme Court—

**Jurisdiction:**  
Limited original and appellate

**Examples:**  
Justices  
No Jury

### Federal District Court —

**Jurisdiction:** original

**Examples:**  
Judges and Juries

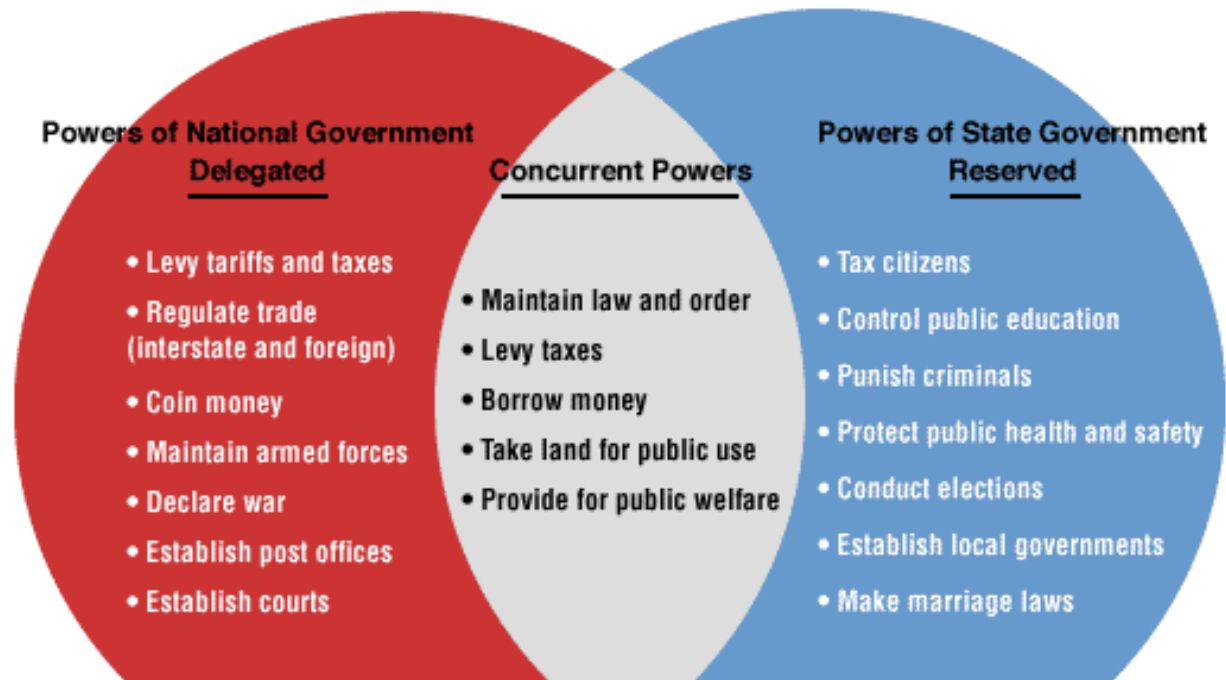
### US Court of Appeals—

**Jurisdiction:** appellate

**Examples:**  
Judges  
NO Jury

<b>The Three Branches</b>		
<i>Branch</i>	<i>Members of the Branch</i>	<i>Role</i>
Legislative Branch	Congress (House of Representatives and Senate)	Makes Laws
Executive Branch	President Executive Office of President Cabinet	Enforce Laws
Judicial Branch	Supreme Court and Federal Court System	Interpret Laws

## Federal System



### 7 roles of the president

Chief executive	Enforces laws
Chief diplomat	Handles foreign policy
Party leader	Head of his or her political party
Commander-in-chief	Leader of the military
Head of state	Represents the US with foreign leaders and ceremonial leader
Economic leader	Implementing the nation's economic policies
Chief legislator	Propose legislation (laws) to congress

## Checks and Balances

Judicial Checks on Executive	Can declare presidential actions unconstitutional
Judicial Checks on Legislative	Can declare acts of legislature unconstitutional
Executive Checks on Legislative	Can veto legislation
Executive Checks on Judicial	Can appoint Supreme Court Justices
Legislative Checks on Executive	Impeachment process, can override veto, and reject appointments, can refuse to approve treaties.
Legislative Checks on Judicial	Can impeach judges Can reject appointment of judges

<b>Organization/Structure of Congress— House and Senate</b>	<b>Leadership Positions in each House</b>	<b>Special Powers/Jobs of each House</b>
<p><b>Senate</b> 100 members 2 per state</p> <p><b>House of Representatives</b> 435 members</p>	<p>President Pro Tempore</p> <p>Speaker of the House</p> <p>Majority and Minority Leaders Party Whips Committee Chairpersons</p>	<p>Approve treaties, all presidential appointments Decide the verdict in the Impeachment process</p> <p>Impeachment process begins in the House</p>

## Supreme Court Cases

Name of Case	Constitutional Principal	Why the Decision is Important
Marbury vs. Madison	Separation of powers in the Judicial Branch	Established Judicial Review Demonstrates the power of the Judicial Branch
Plessy vs. Ferguson	Equality rights of minority groups (14 <sup>th</sup> Amendment)	It is okay to separate the races "SEPARATE BUT EQUAL"
Brown vs. Board of Education	Equality rights of minority groups (14 <sup>th</sup> Amendment)	Separate but equal is unconstitutional Segregation ends in the public school system
Gideon vs. Wainwright	Civil liberties and rights of the Accused (6 <sup>th</sup> Amendment)	6 <sup>th</sup> Amendment right to an attorney if you cannot afford one.
Miranda vs Arizona	Criminal Procedures; Rights of the accused and civil liberties (5 <sup>th</sup> Amendment)	5 <sup>th</sup> Amendment: Self-Incrimination Miranda Rights: Right to remain silent....
Tinker vs Des Moines School Distric	Civil Liberties (1 <sup>st</sup> Amendment)	1 <sup>st</sup> Amendment: Freedom of speech Symbols are considered freedom of speech
United States vs Richard Nixon	Separation of Powers (Article 6 of the U.S. Constitution)	President's Executive Privilege can not be used to conceal a crime. Rule of law!
Hazelwood School District vs Kuhlmeier	Rights of students, Freedom of press (1st Amendment)	School publications can be censored
Bush vs Gore	Electoral College	The president is selected through the electoral college and not the popular vote

**THE BANDWAGON**



"Polls show our candidate is pulling ahead, and we expect to win in a landslide."

**NAME-CALLING**



"Candidate A is a dangerous extremist."

**ENDORSEMENT**



Popular beauty queen says, "I'm voting for Candidate B and so should you."

**TRANSFER**



Associating a patriotic symbol with a candidate.

**GLITTERING GENERALITY**



"Candidate B is the one who will bring us peace and prosperity."

**JUST PLAIN FOLKS**



"My parents were ordinary, hardworking people, and they taught me those values."

**STACKED CARDS**



"Candidate C has the best record on the environment."



Republicans	Democrats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservative</li> <li>• Red</li> <li>• Elephant</li> <li>• Less Government Control</li> <li>• Lower Taxes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liberal</li> <li>• Blue</li> <li>• Donkey</li> <li>• More Government Control</li> <li>• Higher Taxes</li> </ul>

