**Government and Citizenship**

**Unit 1: Foundations of American Government**

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**Why Do I Have to Learn This?**

Government is essential to the existence of human beings in a civilized society. Governments come in many different forms. But, whatever its form, government has an impact on nearly every moment and aspect of your life. Democracy insists on the fundamental importance of each individual. The U.S. Constitution is the framework of our government and the ideas that influenced its creation are vital to our understanding of the Constitution.

**What You Must Know by the End of This Unit:**

1. Define government
2. \*Discuss the importance of government in our lives today
3. Understand the basic concepts of democracy
4. \*Explain the reasons why the Articles of Confederation failed
5. \*Identify and summarize the philosophies that contributed to the Constitution; e.g., Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton.
6. List the major events from 1756-1787 that led to the creation of the Constitution
7. \*Identify the most important and enduring ideas from the Declaration of Independence
8. Identify the framers of the constitution and the organization of the convention
9. \*Compare and contrast the New Jersey and Virginia plans
10. \*Explain the compromises involved in the creation of the Constitution.
11. Explain the ratification process Federalists and Anti-federalists

**Vocabulary Terms and Phrases You Must Know:**

1. State of Nature
2. Government
3. Social Contract Theory
4. Natural Rights
5. Thomas Hobbes
6. John Locke
7. Rousseau
8. Montesquieu
9. Democracy
10. Representative Democracy
11. Pure Democracy
12. Monarchy
13. Dictatorship
14. Oligarchy
15. Dictatorship
16. Unitary government
17. Federal government
18. Confederate government
19. Magna Carta
20. Petition of Right
21. English Bill of Rights
22. Limited government
23. Rule of Law
24. Declaration of Independence
25. Articles of Confederation
26. Shay’s Rebellion
27. Constitutional Convention
28. Constitution
29. Virginia Plan
30. Bicameral
31. New Jersey Plan
32. Unicameral
33. Connecticut Compromise (Great)
34. 3/5 Compromise
35. Factions
36. Separation of Powers
37. Checks and Balances
38. Republic
39. Federalists
40. Anti-Federalist
41. Federalist Papers
42. Bill of Rights
43. Ratification