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America's Founding Fathers, Events & Documents

Unit Test

Congratulations on completing this chapter! ***Answer the following questions to test your understanding of the material. When you finish, hand in your test to your teacher for a final grade. Each answer is worth 1.33 points.***

Match the documents:

1. _____ Mayflower Compact
2. _____ Articles of Confederation
3. _____ Northwest Ordinance
4. _____ Declaration of Independence
5. _____ Fundamental Orders of Connecticut
6. _____ U.S. Constitution
7. _____ Bill of Rights

(a) first written constitution in American Colonies, 1639

(b) set standard for new state governments: "religion, morality, and knowledge [is] necessary to good government . . . ."

(c) the Supreme Law of the Land governing the republic of the United States of America

(d) first United States constitution, had many weaknesses, 1781

(e) list of personal rights that make up the first 10 amendments to the Constitution

(f) officially called for separation from England, signed by 56 patriots who risked their lives to sign

(g) famous agreement of Pilgrims in 1620 to ensure justice and equality in Plymouth Colony

Match the dates:

8. _____ 1620
9. _____ 1754-1763
10. _____ 1775-1781
11. _____ 1776
12. _____ 1789

(a) George Washington takes office as first president of United States

(b) War for Independence

(c) Plymouth Colony established

(d) French and Indian War

(e) Declaration of Independence

Multiple Choice:

13.Thomas Jefferson's greatest accomplishment as third president of the United States was: _____

(a) writing the Declaration of Independence
(b) negotiating the Louisiana Purchase
(c) authorizing the Federalist Papers
(d) keeping the United States out of war with france

14. The name of George Washington's plantation in Virginia was:_____

(a) Montecello
(b) Valley Forge
(c) Mt. Vernon
(d) the Washington Acres

15. Which Founding Father fits the description below? _____

*statesman, author
*publisher, inventor
*oldest Founding Father
*signed both Declaration of Independence and Constitution

(a) Thomas Jefferson
(b) George Washington
(c) John Adams
(d) Benjamin Franklin

16. The 4th of July celebrates: _____

(a) the Declaration of Independence
(b) ratification of the Constitution
(c) the end of the War for Independence
(d) Flag Day

17. Thomas Jefferson's main contribution to the Colonies' War for Independence was: _____.

(a) presiding oven the Constitutional Convention
(b) authorizing the Bill of Rights
(c) writing the Declaration of Independence
(d) persuading the French king to aid the American cause

18. All of the liberties enumerated below are included in the: _____

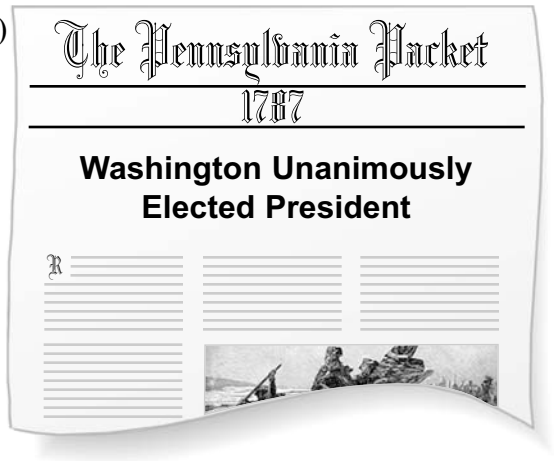
*Freedom from illegal search and seizure
*Guarantee of a speedy trial by jury of peers
*Freedom of of speech and religion
*Freedom to keep and use weapons

(a) Declaration of Independence
(b) Mayflower Compact
(c) Preamble to the Constitution
(d) Bill of Rights

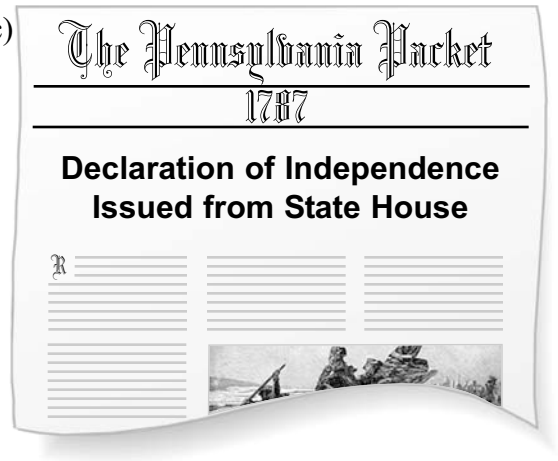
19. The type of government provided by the Constitution that enables elected individuals to exercise power is a: _____
    (a) Monarchy
    (b) Totalitarian government
    (c) Representative government
    (d) Oligarchy

20. Which newspaper headline would you most likely have seen in Philadelphia in 1787?
    _____

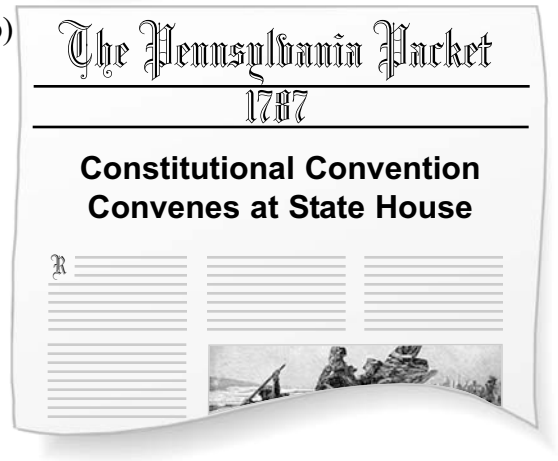
(a)



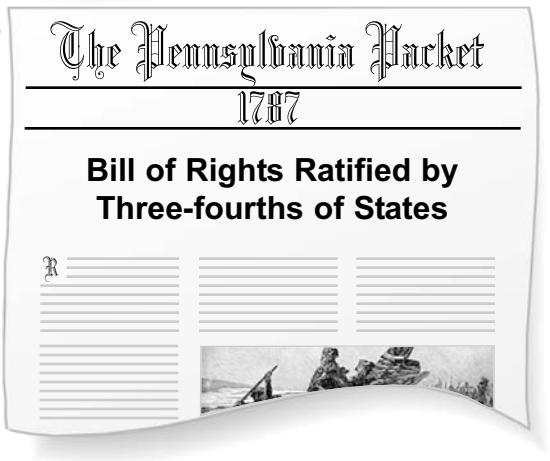
(c)



(b)



(d)



21. The Colonies established primarily for exercising freedom of religion were: _____.
    (a) Southern Colonies
    (b) Middle Colonies
    (c) New England Colonies
    (c) Southern and Middle Colonies

22. The Bill of Rights is part of which document? _____
    _____
    (a) The Declaration of Independence
    (b) The Northwest Ordinance
    (c) The U.S. Constitution
    (d) The Articles of Confederation

23. Which of the following Founding Fathers fits the description below? _____
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*Involved in both First and Second Continental Congresses
*Diplomat during the War for Independence
*Participated in negotiations leading to the Treaty of Paris in 1783
*Served as the first vice-president of the United States
*As second president of the United States, kept the country out of war with France

(a) Samuel Adams
(b) Thomas Jefferson
(c) George Washington
(d) John Adams

24. Which of the documents below is **NOT** one of the four founding documents of America?
_____

(a) The Mayflower Compact
(b) The Articles of Confederation
(c) The Declaration of Independence
(d) The United States Constitution
(e) The Northwest Ordinance

Match the associations:

25. _____ Battles of Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill
26. _____ Lafayette and Baron von Steuben
27. _____ Battle of Yorktown
28. _____ Squanto, Samoset, *Mayflower*
29. _____ Battles of Trenton, Princeton, Saratoga
30. _____ George Washington
31. _____ Samuel Adams
32. _____ James Madison
33. _____ Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, James Madison
34. _____ William Bradford
35. _____ Paul Revere
36. _____ Francis Scott Key

(a) Commander-in-Chief of Continental Army, crossed the Delaware for surprise attack on Hessians
(b) *The Federalist Papers*
(c) *The Star Spangled Banner*
(d) turning points in the War for Independence (to colonists' favor)
(e) last battle of War for Independence
(f) first battles of War for Indpendence
(g) "Courier of the Revolution"
(h) "Father of the Constitution," fourth president of the United States
(i) long time governor of Plymouth Colony, introduced concept of free enterprise
(j) "Father of the Revolution," Boston Tea Party, Commitee of Correspondence
(k) Pilgrims, Plymouth Colony
(l) assisted Washington at Valley Forge

True or False:

37. _____ America's birthdate is July 4, 1776.
38. _____ Most colonists were originally from England.
39. _____ When citizens lose the right to own weapons for self-defense, the people soon lose their other liberties as well.
40. _____ A bill can become law without the president's signature.
41. _____ States have the power to make federal laws and declare war.
42. _____ One duty of the vice-president is to preside over the senate.
43. _____ The president and vice-president serve two-year terms.
44. _____ The often-quoted phrase, "separation of church and state," is found in the First Amendment to the Constitution.
45. _____ According to the Fifth Amendment, a person cannot be forced to testify against himself or be tried twice for the same crime.

Match the quotes:

46. _____ Paul Revere
47. _____ George Washington
48. _____ Patrick Henry
49. _____ Ethan Allen
50. _____ Nathan Hale
51. _____ Thomas Paine
52. _____ U.S. Motto
53. _____ Liberty Bell
54. _____ *Pledge of Allegiance*
55. _____ Lexington and Concord
56. _____ Declaration of Independence
57. _____ *Star Spangled Banner*
58. _____ Constitution

(a) "I only regret I have but one life to give for my country."
(b) "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land . . ."
(c) "To arms, to arms! The British are coming!"
(d) ". . . one nation under God, indivisible . . ."
(e) ". . . first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."
(f) "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal . . ."
(g) "Surrender in the name of God and the Continental Congress!"
(h) "Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming . . . ."
(i) "In God We Trust."
(j) "We, the people of the United States, . . . establish justice, . . . provide the common defense, . . . and secure the blessings of liberty . . . ."
(k) "These are the times that try men's souls . . . ."
(l) ". . . is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? . . . Give me liberty or give me death!"
(m) "The shot heard 'round the world."

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Fill in the blank: Choose correct answers from the Word Bank.

WORD BANK		
Second	democracy	search
Seventh	Eighth	Third
republic	trial	First

59. A _____ is a representative form of government that draws its authority from the people through elected representatives.
60. The _____ Amendment prohibits cruel and unusual punishment of criminals.
61. The _____ Amendment ensures freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly and petition.
62. The _____ Amendment guarantees the citizen's right to keep and bear arms.
63. The _____ Amendment ensures the right not to quarter soldiers.
64. The _____ Amendment guarantees U.S. Citizens the right to a trial by a jury of their peers.

Short answer in numerical order:

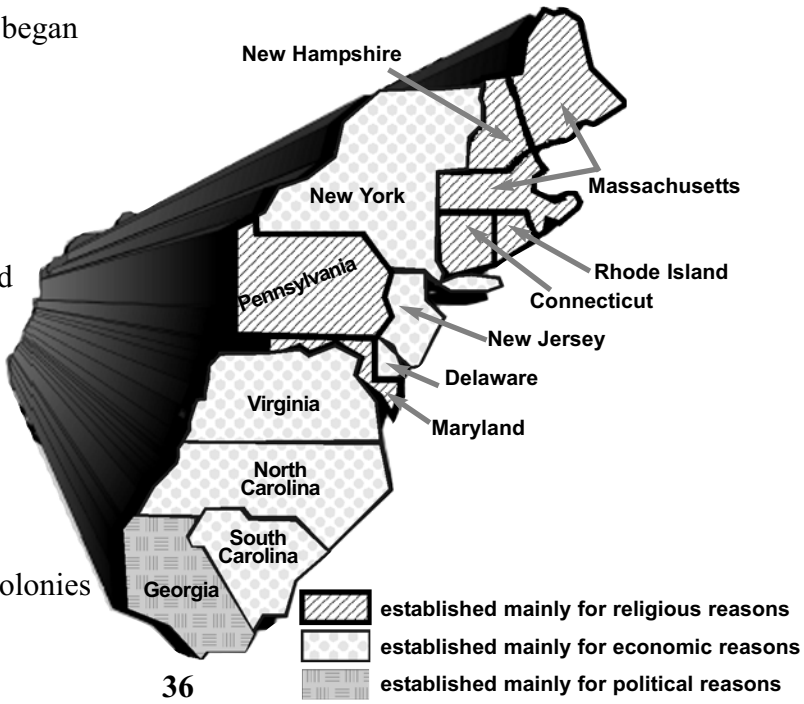
65. Which document birthed America and established its governing principles?
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66. Which document provided details on how to govern the nation? _____

Number the events in order of their occurrence:

67. _____ Constitutional Convention
68. _____ Articles of Confederation
69. _____ War for Independence began
70. _____ Mayflower Compact
71. _____ War of 1812

Maps and charts:

72. Which Colonies on the map at the right were established primarily for economic and political reasons?
_____
_____.
(a) Southern Colonies
(b) Middle Colonies
(c) New England Colonies
(d) Middle and Southern Colonies



73. Which concept designed by the Founding Fathers is shown in the chart below?

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(a) ". . . all men are created equal . . ."
(b) the basis of the free enterprise system
(c) separation of power
(d) executive privilege
(e) "separation of church and state"

Executive	Legislative	Judicial
President Vice President	House of Representatives Senate	Supreme Court Lower Federal Courts

Life Principles: Select the statement that most clearly explains each Life Principle.

74. *"A nation ruled by moral principles needs few policemen."*
(a) National policemen are unnecessary.
(b) We should be ruled by moral principles.
(c) Being governed by internal moral principles and self-control diminishes the need for external controls.
(d) Policemen should demonstrate that they are governed by moral principles.

75. *"The worth of a man is measured by the principles which guide his choices."*
(a) Principles can be measured by a person's worth.
(b) Good choices based on good principles are keys to success.
(c) A worthy person guides his choices wisely.
(d) Our worth is judged by our actions and choices, which are the result of our underlying principles.

Extra Credit: For 10 points, write ONE of the following:
(a) The Preamble to the Constitution,
(b) the sentences of the Declaration of Independence designated as MEMORY WORK, or
(c) one complete verse of *The Star Spangled Banner*.

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