

1. Which concept from the European Enlightenment was included in the United States Constitution?

- A. absolutism
- B. despotism
- C. limited monarchy
- D. consent of the governed

2. Which group had the most influence on the ideas stated in the Declaration of Independence and United States Constitution?

- A. political leaders of Spain and Portugal
- B. religious leaders of the medieval period
- C. writers of the Renaissance
- D. philosophers of the Enlightenment

3. Which concept found in the United States Constitution was a belief held by the social contract philosophers of the Enlightenment period?

- A. presidential cabinet
- B. judicial review
- C. limited monarchy
- D. sovereignty of the people

4. The Mayflower Compact is considered an important step in the development of American democracy because it

- A. established the principle of separation of church and state
- B. provided a basis for self-government in the Plymouth Colony
- C. defined relations with local Native American Indians
- D. outlawed slavery in the Massachusetts Bay Colony

5. Which heading best completes the partial outline below?

I. _____

- A. Mayflower Compact
- B. House of Burgesses
- C. New England town meetings

- A. Attempts to Overthrow British Rule
- B. Development of Self-Government in the American Colonies
- C. Establishment of British Parliamentary Control Over the Colonies
- D. Social Reform Movements in the American Colonies

6. The Magna Carta and the English Bill of Rights were significant influences on United States constitutional development because they

- A. provided suffrage for all men and women
- B. placed limits on the powers of the government
- C. called for the abolition of slavery
- D. supported the development of federalism

7. To prevent tyranny, the authors of the Constitution drew on Montesquieu's concept of

- A. religious liberty
- B. universal suffrage
- C. separation of powers
- D. supremacy of the nobility

8. The ideals of the Athenian State, Roman law, and the Mayflower Compact contributed most significantly to the growth of the principles of

- A. government under law and the consent of the governed
- B. religious freedom and women's suffrage
- C. checks and balances and separation of powers
- D. racial equality and equal treatment under the law

9. "No freeman shall be...imprisoned...or in any way harmed...except by the lawful judgement of his peers..."

— Magna Carta, 1215

This statement is the basis for the democratic principle of the right to

- A. trial by jury
- B. freedom from cruel and unusual punishment
- C. freedom from double jeopardy
- D. protection against self-incrimination

10. The most essential feature of democratic government is

- A. a bicameral legislature
- B. a free and open election process
- C. a written constitution
- D. separate branches of government

11. "We have an old mother
that peevish is grown
that snubs us like children
that scarce walk alone
She forgets we're grown up
and have sense of our own."

This poem presents a justification for American participation in the

- A. Revolutionary War
- B. Civil War
- C. Spanish-American War
- D. Vietnam War

12. Which aspect of the American political system was most influenced by the ideas of John Locke and Baron de Montesquieu?

- A. executive control of foreign policy
- B. limitations on the power of government
- C. government regulation of the economy
- D. creation of the electoral college

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