

Foundations of American Government

Study Guide

Terms

Government

Democracy

Direct Democracy

Representative Democracy

Constitutional Monarchy

Parliamentary System

Prime Minister

Absolute Monarchy

Dictatorship

Oligarchy

Autocracy

Authoritarian

Republic

Federalism

Magna Carta

English Parliament

English Bill of Rights

Social Contract

Natural Law

John Locke

Thomas Hobbes

Montesquieu

Rousseau

Articles of Confederation

Constitutional Convention

Declaration of Independence

Thomas Jefferson

Virginia Plan

New Jersey Plan

Great Compromise

3/5 Compromise

Constitution

The Federalist Papers

George Washington

James Madison

Alexander Hamilton

John Jay

Questions

- 1) Explain the role and responsibilities of a government.

- 2) List the top 3 major influences on American government.

- 3) Explain what forms of government John Locke and Thomas Hobbes believed were the best and why.

- 4) List three problems with the Articles of Confederation.

- 5) How did the backers of the Virginia Plan or the large states want to base representation in Congress?

- 6) How did the backers of the New Jersey Plan or the small states want to base representation in Congress?

- 7) Describe the compromise made concerning representation in Congress.

- 8) List the different types of authoritarian forms of government.

- 9) Explain the role and responsibilities of the people and the government in a social contract.