

Vocabulary

SS.7.C.1.2 Trace the impact that the Magna Carta, English Bill of Rights, Mayflower Compact, and Thomas Paine’s “Common Sense” had on colonists’ views of government.

Magna
Carta

English Bill
of Rights

Mayflower
Compact

*Common
Sense*

rule of law

constitutionalism

due process

limited
government

individual rights

self-government

popular
sovereignty

Magna Carta

1215

- Also called the Great Charter of Freedoms
- English noblemen forced King John to follow the laws and protect certain rights
- Limited King's powers (**limited monarchy**)
- Related vocab: **rule of law**, *habeas corpus*, **common law**

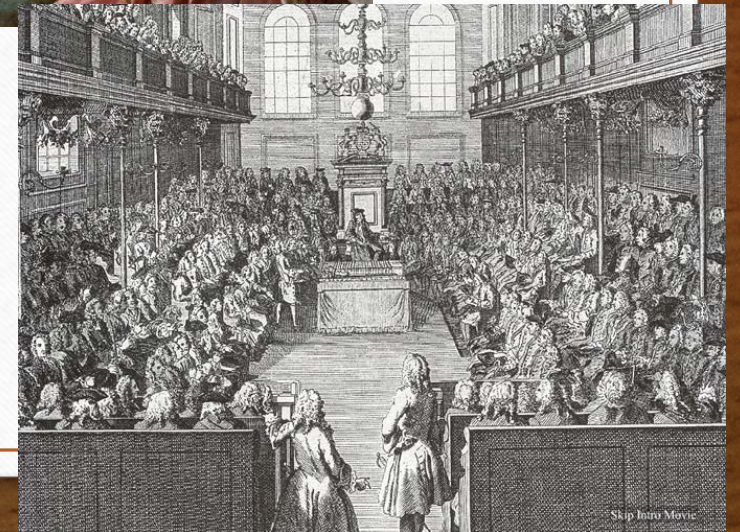


John signs the Great Charter.

The English Bill of Rights

1689

- Also Called: “An Act Declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject Settling the Succession of the Crown”
- Declaration of **individual rights** by British Parliament
- Parliament invited William and Mary to become joint monarchs
- Established a **Constitutional Monarchy**



The Mayflower Compact

1620

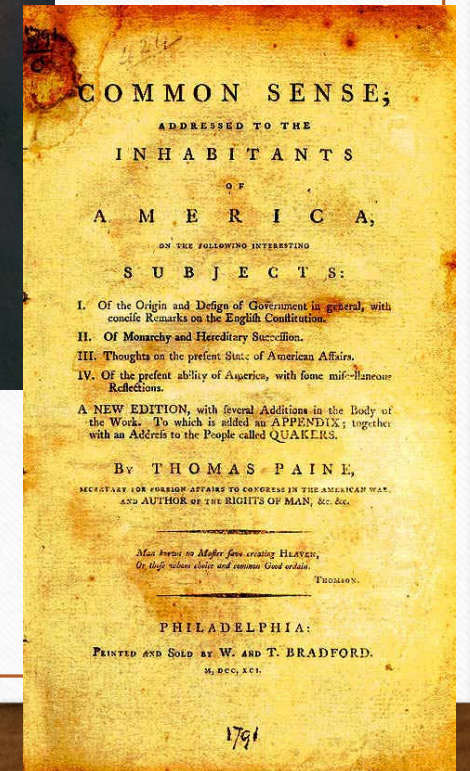
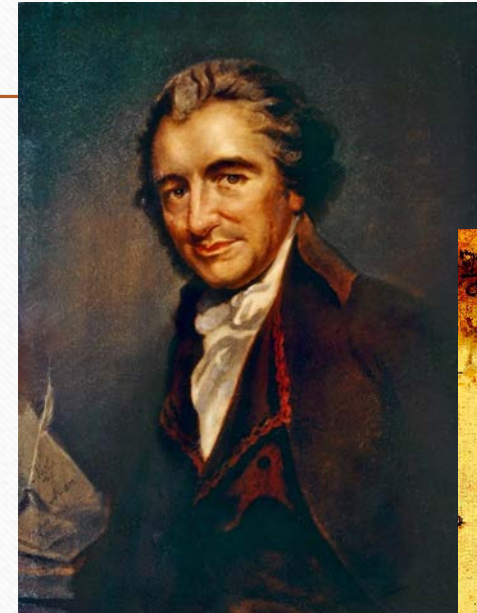
- English colony of Plymouth, Massachusetts
- Set up self-government and first written laws for settlers
- Social Contract- agreed on fair and equal laws for the good of the settlement
- Consent of the Governed



Common Sense

1776

- Pamphlet by Thomas Paine
- American colonies
- Called King George a **tyrant**
- Challenged authority of British government and monarchy over the colonies
- Encouraged colonists to declare independence
- Related vocab: **popular sovereignty, checks and balances**



Rule of Law



- The idea that everyone must follow the laws and no one is above the law.
 - Even people who govern!
- From Magna Carta



Constitutionalism

- The idea that governments should be limited in power and formed with a set of written rules.



Due Process



- Following established and fair legal procedures
- **Habeas corpus-** the principle that the government has to provide a reason to hold someone in jail.

Limited Government

- A government that whose power is controlled by a Constitution
- From Magna Carta, English Bill of Rights



Individual Rights

- A set of things that people believe they should be free to do.
- In Magna Carta, English Bill of Rights, *Common Sense*

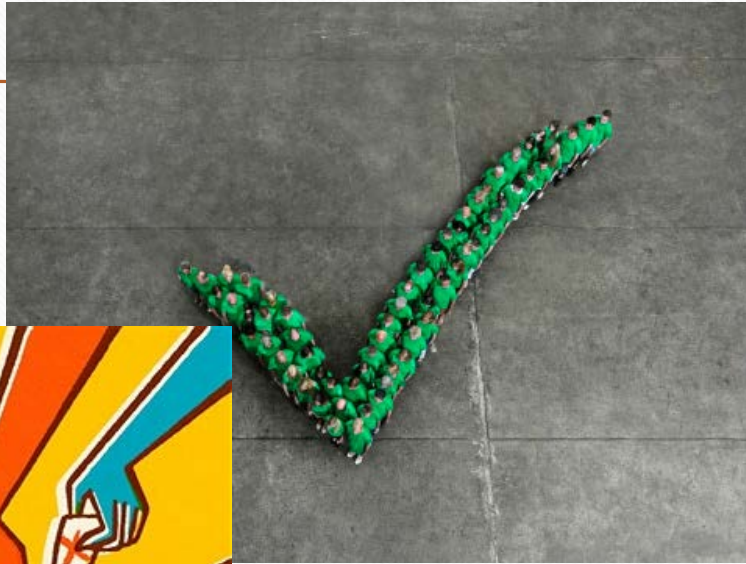
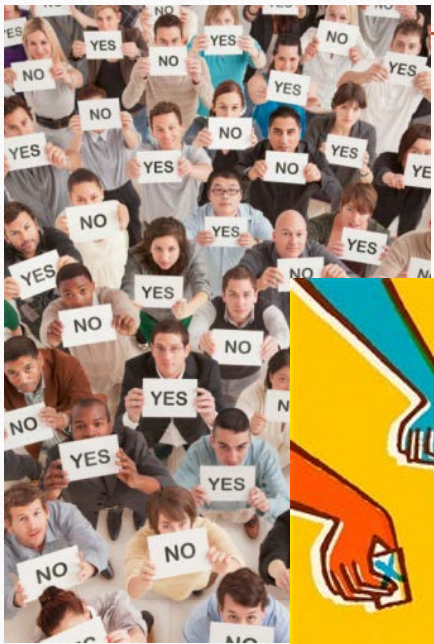


Self-Government



- A government that **the people** create and run
 - Popular or **representative government**
 - **autonomy**
- From Mayflower Compact

Popular Sovereignty



- The idea that the power of government comes from the approval of the people.
- Related to: Consent of the Governed, Self-Government