

# Civics - Weeks 3-4

1. Which Enlightenment philosopher influenced the following passage?

*"That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."* -Declaration of Independence

- a. Baron de Montesquieu
- b. John Locke
- c. Thomas Paine
- d. Thomas Jefferson

2.

	Dear Representative Shelby,
	I represent the Verne County Historic Preservation Society. Please consider voting in favor of Proposition 118 which will ensure the protection of historic sites in Verne County.
	Sincerely,
	Ellis Frankwell

**This letter is an example of —**

- a) demonstrating
- b) lobbying
- c) policymaking
- d) campaigning

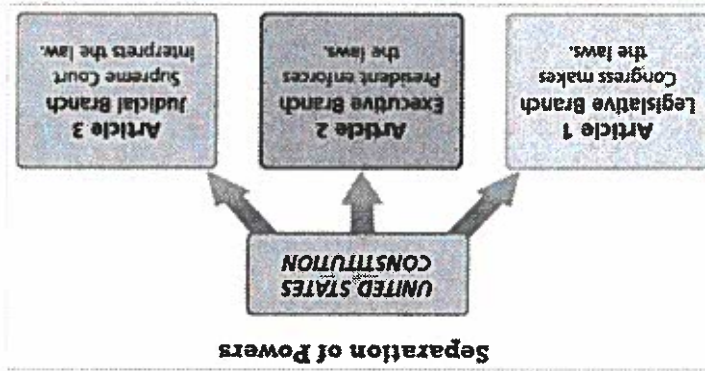
3. Use the quotation to answer the question.

*"No freeman shall be taken, imprisoned, . . . or in any other way destroyed . . . except by the lawful judgement of his peers or by the law of the land."* — excerpt from Magna Carta

Which statement best expresses how Magna Carta shaped the colonists' views of government?

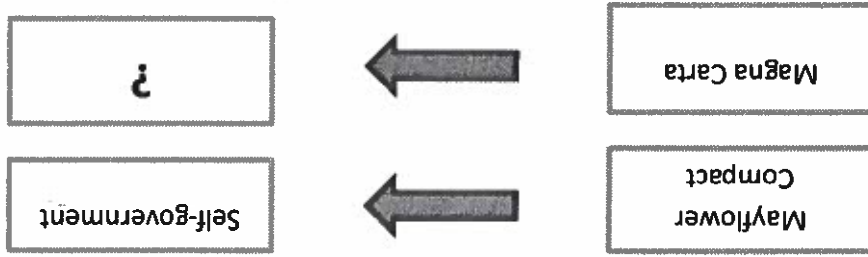
- a) They supported three branches of government.
- b) They believed that citizens should be able to petition the government for changes in laws.
- c) They expected government to protect free speech and property rights.
- d) They believed leaders should obey the law and that citizens had a right to trial by jury

4. Which Enlightenment philosopher influenced the following chart:



- a.) John Locke
- b.) Montesquieu
- c.) Thomas Jefferson
- d.) Thomas Paine

5. The diagram below shows how the colonists formed some of their political views from historical documents:

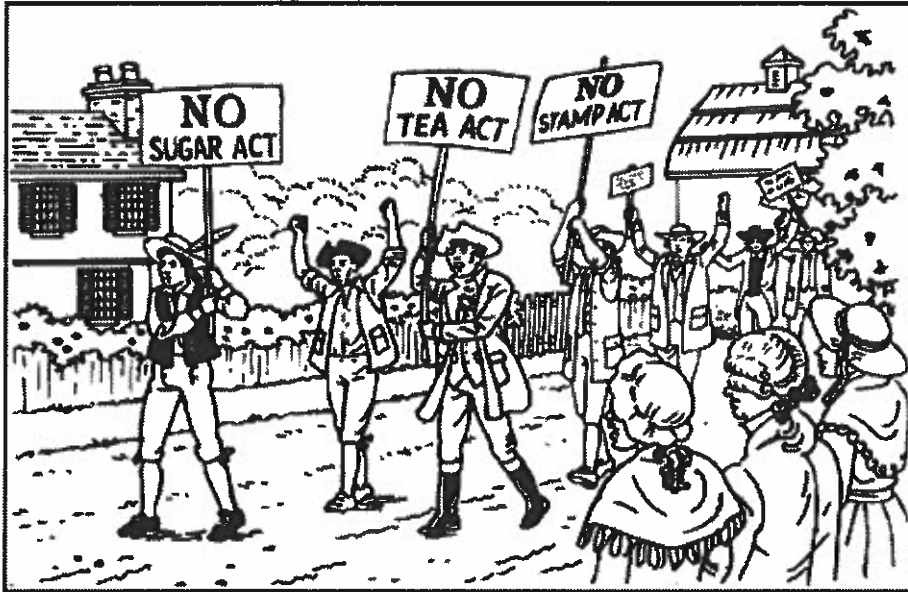


- a.) Natural Law
- b.) Separation of Powers
- c.) Divine Right of Kings
- d.) Rule of Law

6. According to the Declaration of Independence, what is the main purpose of government?

- a. to provide for common defense and promote the general welfare
- b. to create a strong national government
- c. to protect the interests of the states
- d. to protect citizens' rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness

7. What document was influenced by the events depicted in the picture below:



- a.) Magna Carta
- b.) English Bill of Rights
- c.) The Declaration of Independence
- d.) Mayflower Compact

8. Based on the passage below, what did Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, assert was the purpose of government?

1. People are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights;
2. Governments are instituted among men to secure these rights;
3. Governments derive their just powers from the consent of governed;

- a.) To protect the people's natural rights
- b.) To provide separation of powers
- c.) To establish a federal system of government
- d.) To confirm checks and balances

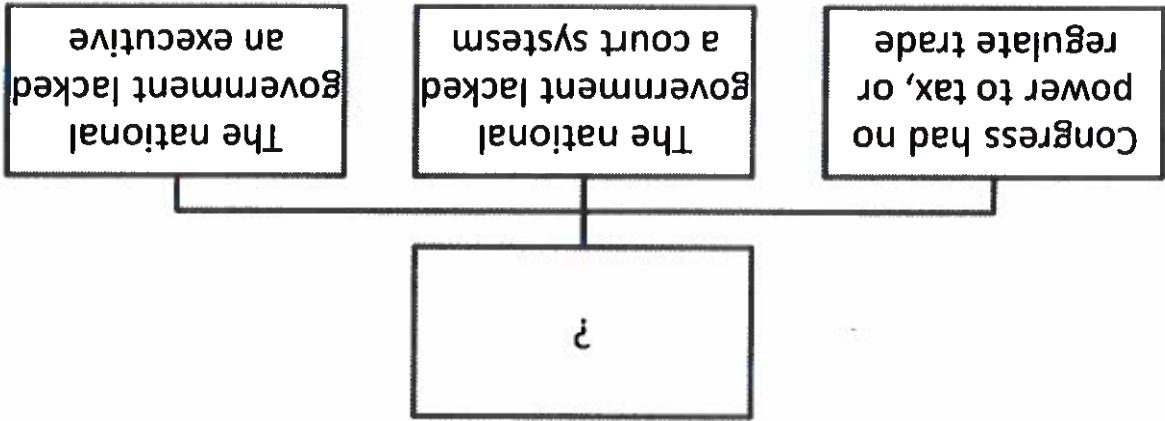
9. Which of the following was NOT a grievance expressed in the Declaration of Independence?

- a) imposing taxes without the consent of the people
- b) suspending trial by jury
- c) dissolving colonial legislatures
- d) asking people to serve in the military

10. How did the U.S. Constitution solve a problem created by the Articles of Confederation?

- a) It avoided the issue of states' rights.
- b) It allowed the states to elect representatives.
- c) It enabled the federal government to collect taxes.
- d) It prevented the amendment of federal laws.

11. What would be the best title for this graph:



12. What did Shay's Rebellion demonstrate to the US Confederal Government?

- a) Federal System of Government
- b) Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
- c) Weaknesses of the Declaration of Independence
- d) Weaknesses of the U.S. Constitution



- a. That the people were not to be trusted
- b. That the Articles of Confederation was too weak
- c. That state governments were too strong
- d. That more laws needed to be passed

13. Which statement supports the Anti-Federalists in the struggle over ratification of the U.S. Constitution?

- a) The Constitution should limit state government.
- b) The Constitution should create a strong national government.
- c) The Constitution should protect fundamental rights.
- d) The Constitution should prevent the election of amateur politicians.

14.



What step of the "naturalization" is depicted above?

- a) Pledge of Allegiance
- b) Oath of Allegiance
- c) Pledge of Loyalty
- d) Naturalization Interview

15. What constitutional right is demonstrated in the photo below:

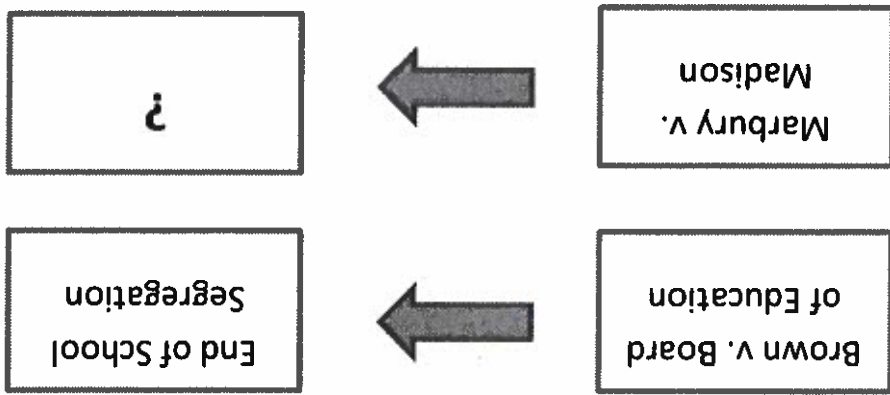


- a) Freedom of Assembly
- b) Freedom of Religion
- c) Freedom of Marching
- d) Right to Bear Arms

16. Which amendment requires the police to acquire a "search warrant" before entering someone's home?

- a) 2<sup>nd</sup>
- b) 4<sup>th</sup>
- c) 8<sup>th</sup>
- d) 14<sup>th</sup>

17. Use the chart below to answer the question:



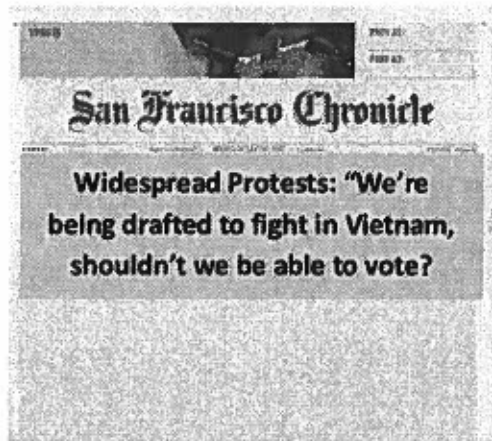
18. The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment's "Equal Protection under the Law" clause was used in which landmark Supreme Court case?

- a) Brown v. Board of Education
- b) Tinker v. Des Moines
- c) Marbury v. Madison
- d) Miranda v. Arizona

19. What is one way an individual can influence the legislative process?

- a) watching political debates on television
- b) discussion political issues at work
- c) collecting opinions for a yearbook
- d) gathering signatures for a petition

20. Which amendment resulted from the argument below:



- a. 14<sup>th</sup>
- b. 15<sup>th</sup>
- c. 19<sup>th</sup>
- d. 26<sup>th</sup>

21. The following party platform most likely belongs to which party?

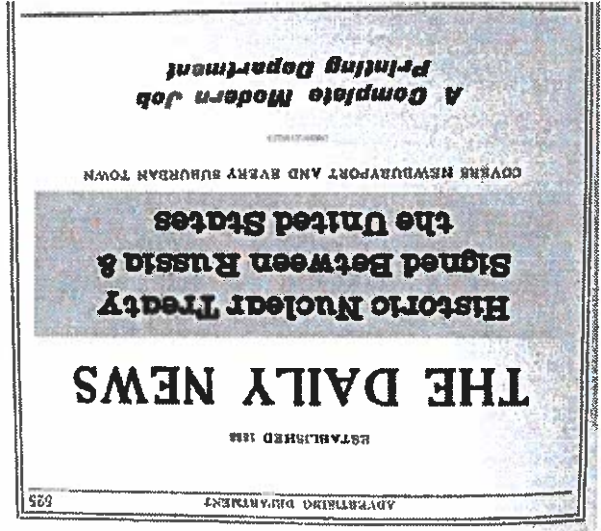
We stand for the interests of the working class. We want to replace capitalism with a system that puts the people before profits. We need to take power from the wealthy corporate owners and put it in the hands of the people.

- a. Communism
- b. Democratic
- c. Republican
- d. Green Party

22. In America's current two-party system what statement demonstrates a basic difference between the Democrats and Republicans?

- a) The frequency of elections
- b) The importance of the Constitution
- c) The use of military force
- d) The responsibilities of the federal government

- a) Senate and President
- b) Supreme Court and President
- c) House of Representatives
- d) Supreme Court and House of Representatives

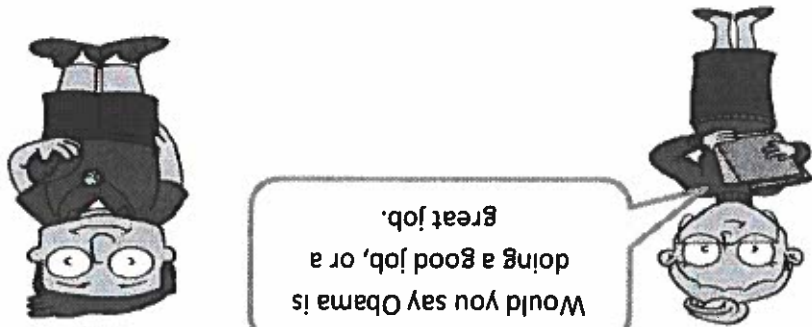


25. What parts of the government made this headline happen?

- a. The President
- b. The Governor
- c. The Town Superintendent of Schools
- d. Congress

24. Local parents are upset about a school's offering of courses. Who should they contact to resolve this issue?

- a) Propaganda
- b) Biased
- c) Factual
- d) Objective



23. What type of information is being shown below:



26. Which of the following would be an example of a foreign policy issue?

- a) Congress changes naturalization rules for immigrants wish to become U.S. citizens
- b) The President signs an executive order closing a nuclear power plant
- c) Congress passes new regulations over interstates highways
- d) The President brokers an agreement between Russia and China

27. The U.S. government is a member of which organization?

- a) United Nations
- b) European Union
- c) World Wildlife Fund
- d) International Red Cross

28. Which international conflict is the following passage from:

*"Yesterday, December 7, 1941 — a date which will live in infamy — the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan." - FDR*

- a) The Japan American War
- b) World War I
- c) World War II
- d) Vietnam

29. What do an "autocracy" and an "absolute monarchy" have in common?

- a) both are ruled by the people
- b) both are ruled by the few
- c) both are ruled by one
- d) both are ruled by the many
- e) Use the quotation to answer the question.

30. Use the quotation to answer the following:

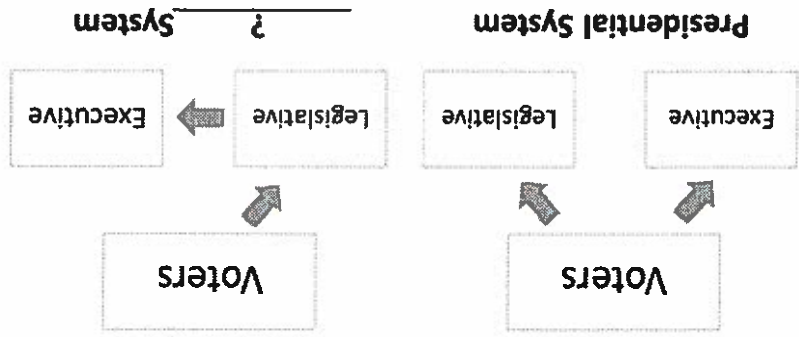
*"... shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts, and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States . . . to borrow Money . . . to regulate Commerce . . . to coin Money . . ."*

—U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8

To which branch of the government does the quotation refer?

- a) judicial
- b) presidential
- c) legislative
- d) executive

31. Use the chart to answer the following:



- a) legislative system
- b) parliamentary system
- c) unitary system
- d) democratic system

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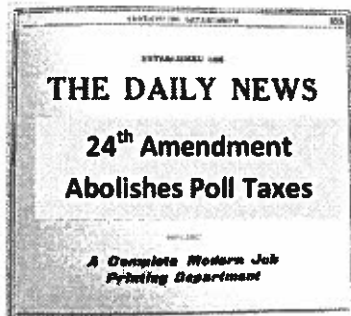
The US policy of staying out foreign affairs is known as?

- a) imperialism
- b) isolationism
- c) The Cold War
- d) War on Terror

33. Which statement describes a similarity between the state and the federal governments under the U.S. Constitution?

- a) Both levels of government allow for the election of judges.
- b) Both levels of government have the power to ratify treaties.
- c) Both levels of government allow for the collection of taxes.
- d) Both levels of government have the power to appoint ambassadors.

34. How was the amendment below passed?



- a) The voters of 2/3rds of the states
- b) A 2/3rds vote of Congress
- c) A 2/3rds vote of Congress and 3/4ths of the States
- d) Signed by the President, confirmed by the Senate

35. When a bill has made it through both houses of the U.S. Congress it \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) becomes law
- b) gets voted on by the people
- c) gets voted on by the states
- d) gets sent to the President for a signature

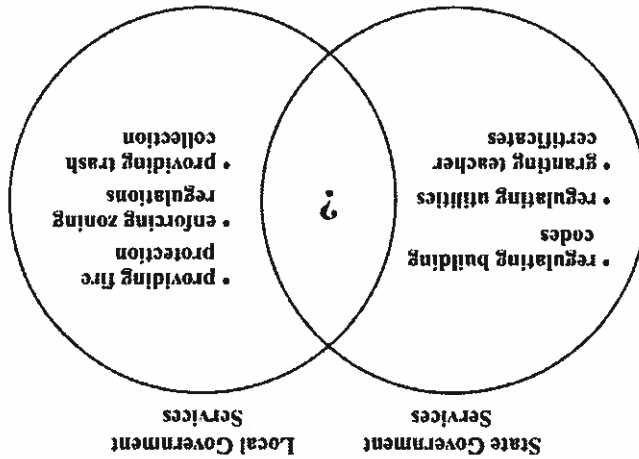
36. Which of the following is NOT a similarity between the US and Florida Constitutions?

- a) both start with a Preamble
- b) both create three branches
- c) both discuss education
- d) both have "articles"

37. What are the three main levels of federal courts?

- a) district courts, courts of appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court
- b) city courts, state courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court
- c) mayor's court, city court, and federal court
- d) district courts, magistrate courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court

38. The Venn diagram below shows some services provided by state and local governments.



What is one possible service for this chart?

- a) Regulating trade
- b) Providing police
- c) Libraries
- d) Postal service

39: What principle of democracy can be found in the first three words of the US Constitution – “We the People”?

- a) Checks and Balances
- b) Popular Sovereignty
- c) Separation of Powers
- d) Republicanism

40. Why are citizens obligated to respond to a jury summons?

- a) to guarantee court hearings remain public
- b) to guarantee courts provide probable cause
- c) to protect the constitutional right to be tried by one's peers
- d) to protect the constitutional right to confront one's accuser