

# WQ: Constitutional Influencers

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**Instructions:** Use this worksheet to collect your answers from the WebQuest.

## Slide 1: Influenced by Many

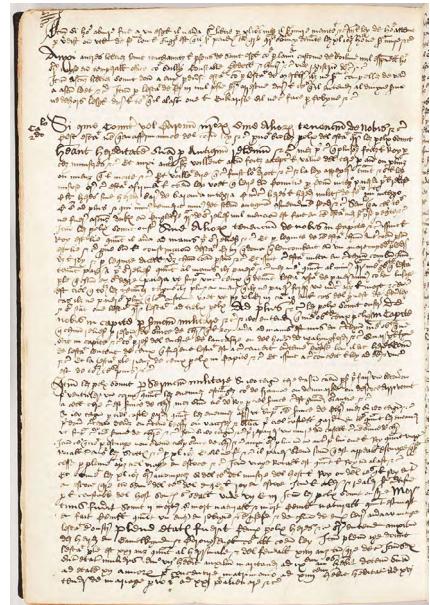
Why should you learn about the Constitution?

## Slide 2: Introducing: The Magna Carta

1. Why did the barons demand King John obey the law?

2a. The Magna Carta's most famous clause gave all free men the right to justice and a fair trial. What does this mean?

2b. Why do you think this clause was important to the barons?



## Slide 3: Limited Government

1. How did the English Bill of Rights limit the monarch's power?

2. What is a constitutional monarchy?

## Slide 4: More Self Government

1. What conflict did the passengers on the Mayflower face? What might have happened if they didn't agree to the Mayflower Compact?

2. What reason does the Mayflower compact give for forming a "civil body politic"? In your own words, explain what this means.

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## Slide 5: The Best Ideas Come from... Thinking!

1. According to Locke, why do governments exist?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. When does Locke feel it is okay to replace a government?

## Slide 6: Are We Not Englishmen?

Using your own words, what rights did the two key chapters of the Magna Carta give?



## Slide 7: Declaration of Independence

1. Where does the Virginia Declaration of Rights say the government's power comes from?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Where does Locke's Two Treatises of Government say that governments get their start?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. The Declaration of Independence says that governments get "their just powers from the consent [or agreement] of the governed." Based on the ideas found in the Virginia Declaration of Rights and Locke's Two Treatises, who are the governed? Where do governments get their power?

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## Slide 8: Monarchy No More. Separate That Power!

1. How does the separation of powers work?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Why do you think Montesquieu said there would be no liberty if one person or body had all three powers?

## Slide 9: Let's Talk About Rights, Bay-bee!

1. You've already read about three English documents that influenced the Bill of Rights. What were they?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Take a look at headings 16-29 of the English Bill of Rights, what similarities do you see between this document and the U.S. Bill of Rights? List at least two.

## Slide 10: The Ultimate Influence: YOU!

1. How has the Constitution's idea of "We the People" changed over time?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Who are "We the People"?

