



AMERICAN GOVERNMENT



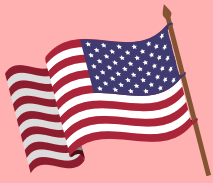
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Quiz

1. What is the significance of July 2nd, 1776, in American history?
 - A) The signing of the Magna Carta
 - B) The ratification of the Lee Resolution
 - C) The start of the Revolutionary War
 - D) The adoption of the Articles of Confederation
2. What did the Lee Resolution accomplish?
 - A) It established the Continental Army
 - B) It declared the colonies independent from Great Britain
 - C) It proposed the Articles of Confederation
 - D) It created the Declaration of Independence
3. What does the term "unalienable rights" in the Declaration of Independence refer to?
 - A) Rights granted by the government
 - B) Rights that cannot be taken away
 - C) Rights specific to American citizens
 - D) Rights given by the Constitution
4. The Declaration of Independence use the phrase "united States of America" :
 - A) To indicate the unity of the states
 - B) To refer to the federal government
 - C) To emphasize the name of the country
 - D) To signify that it was a formal title
5. According to the Declaration of Independence, where do governments derive their just powers from?
 - A) The military
 - B) The people
 - C) The Constitution
 - D) Divine authority



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6. What is the purpose of the Declaration of Independence, as stated in its opening paragraph?

- A) To declare war on Great Britain
- B) To dissolve political ties with Britain and explain the reasons for doing so
- C) To establish a new government
- D) To seek support from other nations

7. Which document required the colonists to list their grievances before declaring independence, according to the Declaration of Independence?

- A) The Magna Carta
- B) The English Bill of Rights
- C) The Articles of Confederation
- D) The Mayflower Compact

8. What does the Declaration of Independence say about equality?

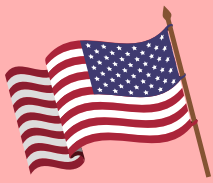
- A) All men are created equal
- B) Only property-owning men are equal
- C) Equality is granted by the government
- D) Equality applies only to citizens of the United States

9. What does the phrase "self-evident" in the Declaration of Independence mean?

- A) Something that requires proof
- B) A truth that proves itself and is obvious to anyone
- C) A belief based on faith
- D) A concept that needs to be explained

10. According to the Declaration of Independence, what are the three unalienable rights that all men are endowed with by their Creator?

- A) Life, property, and liberty
- B) Freedom, equality, and happiness
- C) Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness
- D) Justice, equality, and freedom



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Essay Questions:

1. Analyze the significance of the Declaration of Independence in the context of American history. How did it change the relationship between the colonies and Great Britain?
2. Discuss the philosophical foundations of the Declaration of Independence. How do the concepts of natural rights and self-evident truths underpin the document?
3. Explain the difference between "constitutional rights" and "natural rights" as discussed in the lesson. Why is it important to understand this distinction in the context of the Declaration of Independence?
4. Consider the role of the Declaration of Independence in shaping the American identity. How did the ideas expressed in the document influence the development of American government and society?



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Answers

- 1.B
- 2.B
- 3.B
- 4.A
- 5.B
- 6.B
- 7.A
- 8.A
- 9.B
- 10.C