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Limited government- government is not all powerful. It can only do what the p

Consent of the governed-people are the source of all governmental power.

Rule of law- the government and those who govern are bound by the law.

Democracy- in this system of government, the people rule.

Representative government- in this system of government, people elect public officials to conduct government on their behalf.

Declaration of Independence-contains certain unalienable rights such as life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Declaration of Independence- declared the colonies independent from Great Britain.

Articles of Confederation-was the first form of national government for the newly independent states.

Declaration of Indepence-States grievances against the king of Great Britain.

Virginia Declaration of Rights-served as a model for the Bill of Rights of the Constitution.

Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom- granted freedom of religious beliefs and opinions.

Articles of Confederation-establishes the structure of the U.S. government.

Articles of Confederation-maintained that major powers resided with the individual states.

Constitution-protects the fundamental freedoms of religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition.

Articles of Confederation-created a weak central government.

The Preamble to the Constitution states the goals and purposes of the US Government.

Separation of Powers-each branch of government has its own purpose and powers.

The Charters of the Virginia Company of London came first.

The Bill of Rights is modeled after the Virginia Declaration of Rights, lists many freedoms including freedom of speech, religion, and assembly, and is the first 10 amendments of the Constitution.

The Constitution was not the first form of government.

Article III of the Constitution sets up the Judicial Branch.

The Articles of Confederation did not fail because there was weak state government. In fact, the Articles gave more power to the states.

There are 27 amendments to the Constitution.

To amend the Virginia Constitution, the amendment can be proposed by convention, the amendment can be proposed by the general assembly, or the people can ratify or approve the amendment.

Goals of the US government as stated in the Preamble does not include “to insure freedom of religion”.

The US government consists of 3 branches of government.

The preamble is the introduction of the Constitution.

A US Constitutional amendment may be presented by the Legislative Branch.

The preamble begins “We the people”.

An amendment is a change to the Constitution.

True- Our Constitution was written over 200 years ago.

True- Checks and Balances exist so that no one branch of the government can get too powerful.

False- Only the President can violate the Constitution.

True- The amendment process is very complex.

True- the US has a representative government.