

The Seed of Democracy

Why Thomas Jefferson did
not just wake up and declare.
“Wa-La Democracy!



Ancient Seeds

Athens Greece

* 'demos kratia' = 'government by the people'

**people= wealthy/powerful men



Ancient Roots

Roman Republic

*republic= people elected to represent citizens views

**citizen = male member of upper class

~~450 BC= some laws written down



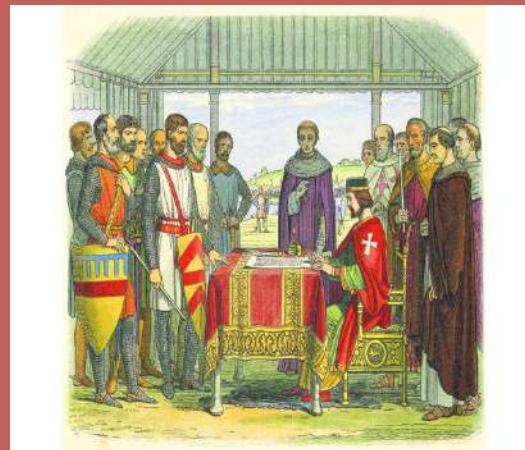
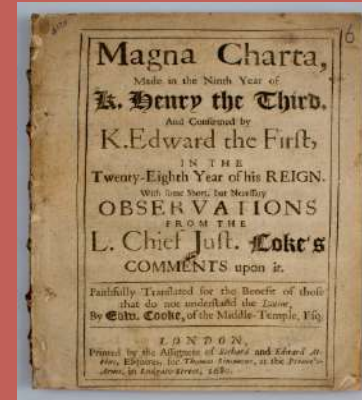
Western European Growth

A LOOONG Time later:
Great Britain (England)

1) Magna Carta 1215

King forced to ask the Great Council for
consent (esp. taxes) among other things

**Great Council=
Upper class nobles



In the next 400 years.....

2) Growth of Parliament

- *legislative branch inside England
- more citizens represented

3) English Civil War

- *Parliament vs King
- *Parliament Won!!
- *No King for awhile in GB



4) Age of Reason (Enlightenment)

After the Scientific Revolution in W. Europe, philosophers began to use reason to explain politics.

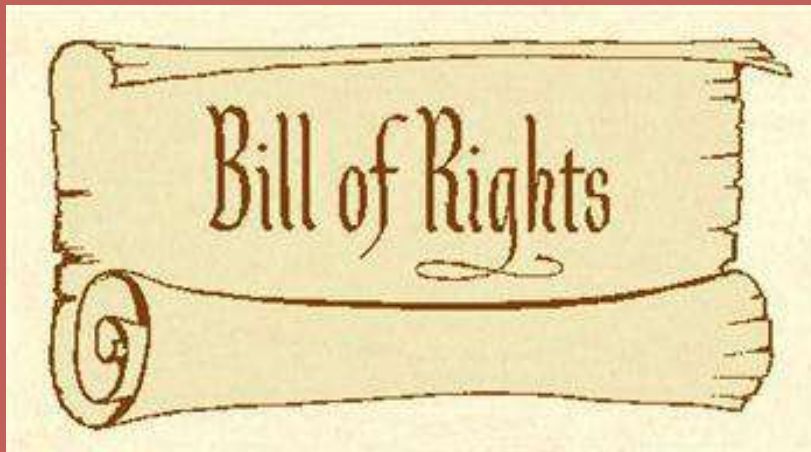
- * John Locke
- * Montesquieu
- * Rousseau



More Rights start to be given (British history)

5) English Bill of Rights

*a king was reinstated but forced to sign this document establishing freedoms for all English Citizens



American Colonies Grow

A variety of types of colonies allowed
Some came to make money others to
practice their traditions/religions

~~~“Mayflower Compact ~~~~

\*Puritans (Pilgrims) sign a document while on  
the boat setting up their govt based on the  
citizens agreement

\*\*citizen= white male leaders





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# THE MAYFLOW COMPACT



## The Mayflower Compact

In ye name of God Amen. We whose names are written, the loyall subjects of our dread souveraigne Lord James, by ye grace of God, of Great Britaine, France, & King, defender of ye faith, &c. having undertaken, for ye glorie of God, and advancemente Christian faith and honour of our king & countrie, a voyage to ye first colonie in ye Northerne parts of Virginia, doe these presents solemnly & mutually in ye presence of God, one of another, covenant, & combine ourselves together into one body politick; for our better ordering, & preservation & furtherance of ye ends aforesaid; and by vertue hereof to constitute and frame such just & equall Lawes, Ordinances, Acts, constitutions & offices from time to time, as shall be thought most meete & convenient for ye generall good of the Colonie: unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cap: Codd ye 11 of November, in ye year of ye said our souveraigne Lord King James of England, France & ye eighteenth, and of Scotland ye fiftie fourth. Anno 1620.

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| Richard Warren  | John Turner    | Edward Hargrett |
| John Howland    | Thomas Eaton   | John Brown      |
| Stephen Hopkins | John Cato      | Richard Denton  |
| Samuel Eaton    | John Carver    | George Burdett  |
| John Kelly      | John Edgerton  | Richard Clark   |
| Thomas Leach    | Thomas Blinman | Richard Scudder |
| Thomas Rogers   | John Burdett   | John Allyn      |
| Thomas Clarke   | George Burdett | Samuel Eaton    |
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Original Thirteen Colonies



# The RESULT???

A Large 'tree' of Democracy that the American Colonists could use to build a new nation from

