

NC's Expansion of Civil Rights & its Constitution

Chapter 12 Assignments for
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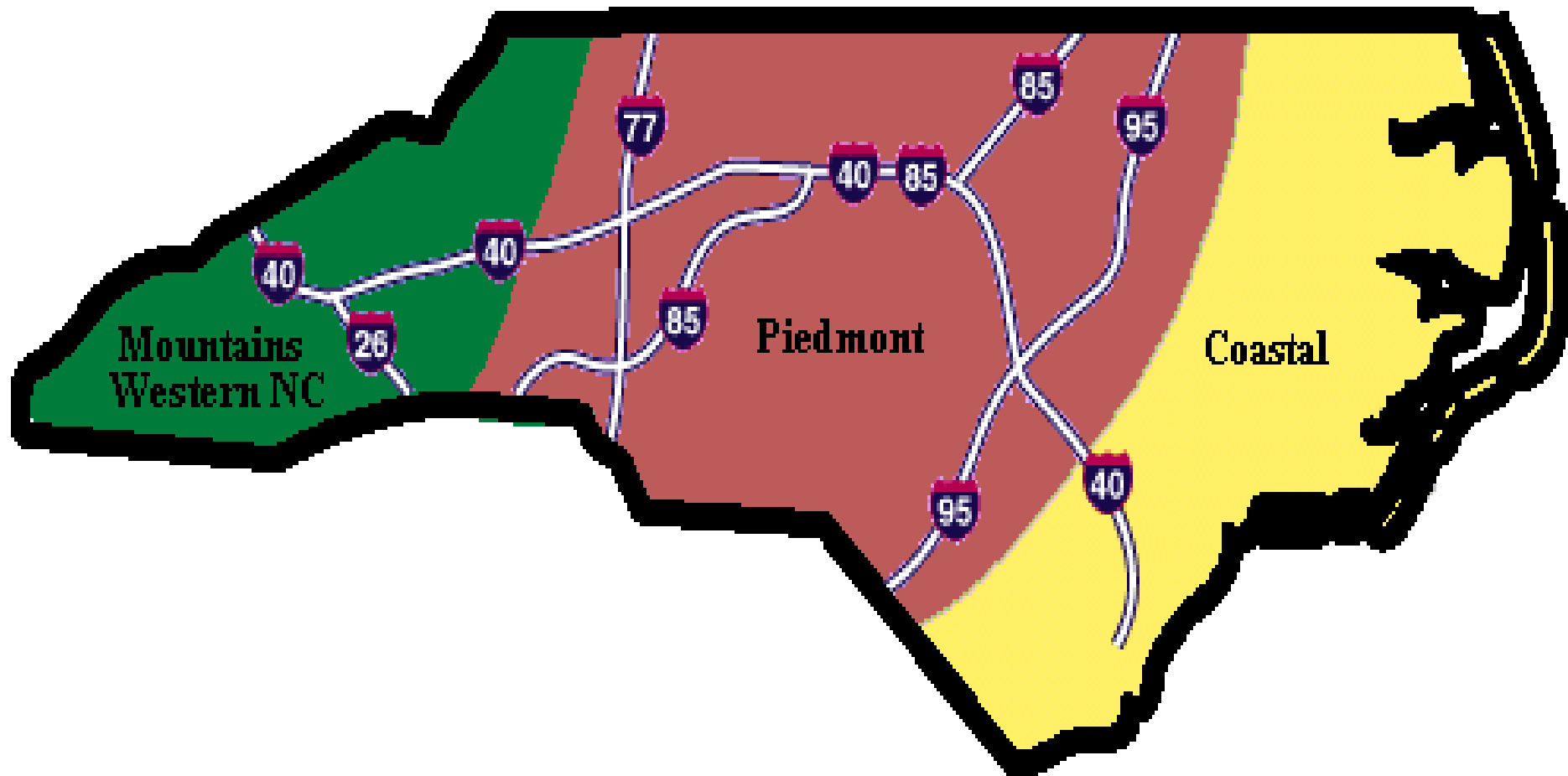


NC's Flag

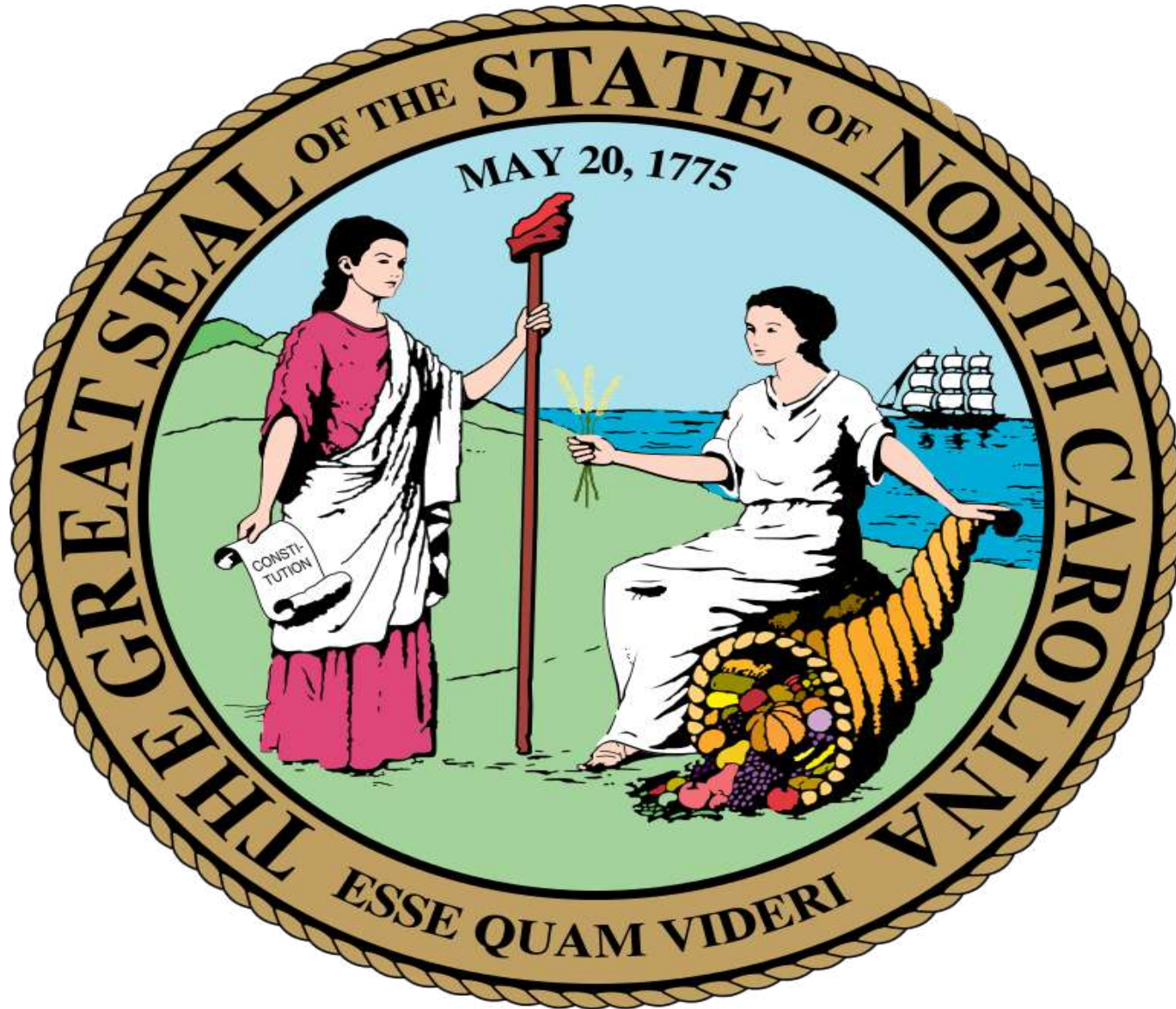
Using the 2 dates on our flag, explain why NC is often referred to as “1st in Freedom.”



NC's Geography



NC's State Seal



12.2 Assignment

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/legislation/constitution/ncconstitution.html>

- Go to my website & pull up Symbaloo Board. Open your book to p. 99.
- Click on the yellow tile with a C on the Symbaloo board.
- Complete the question below using the link and chapter 12.2 homework.
 - Explain 2 similarities and 2 differences between the US Constitution and NC's Constitution.
- Discuss as a class.

Constitution Comparison

Similarities:

Declaration of Rights
like BOR

Structure, power &
duties of the three
branches like US
Gov't

Principles of checks &
balance and
separation of powers
prevalent.

Differences:

Structure, power &
duties of local
governments

Duties & powers of
state agencies, boards
& institutions

Much more detailed
and longer.

Big emphasis on
Popular sovereignty.

Principles of NC's Constitution

- Popular Sovereignty
 - Define
 - Proof in Our Constitution?
- Separation of Powers
 - Define
 - Examples in Our Constitution?
- Checks and Balances
 - Define
 - Examples in Our Constitution?

NC's Three Constitution

- **The Constitution of 1776**
 - Why written?
 - Basic structure?
 - Changes made in 1835?
- **The Constitution of 1868**
 - Why written?
 - Why significant?
- **The Constitution of 1971**
 - Why written?
 - Major changes?

Amending NC's Constitution

By Convention:

- 2/3 of both houses of General Assembly propose
- Voters decide on convention & delegates
- Convention adopts amendment
- Voters approve amendment by plurality

By Legislative Initiative

- 3/5 of both houses of the General Assembly approves the amendment
- Voters must approve by a plurality

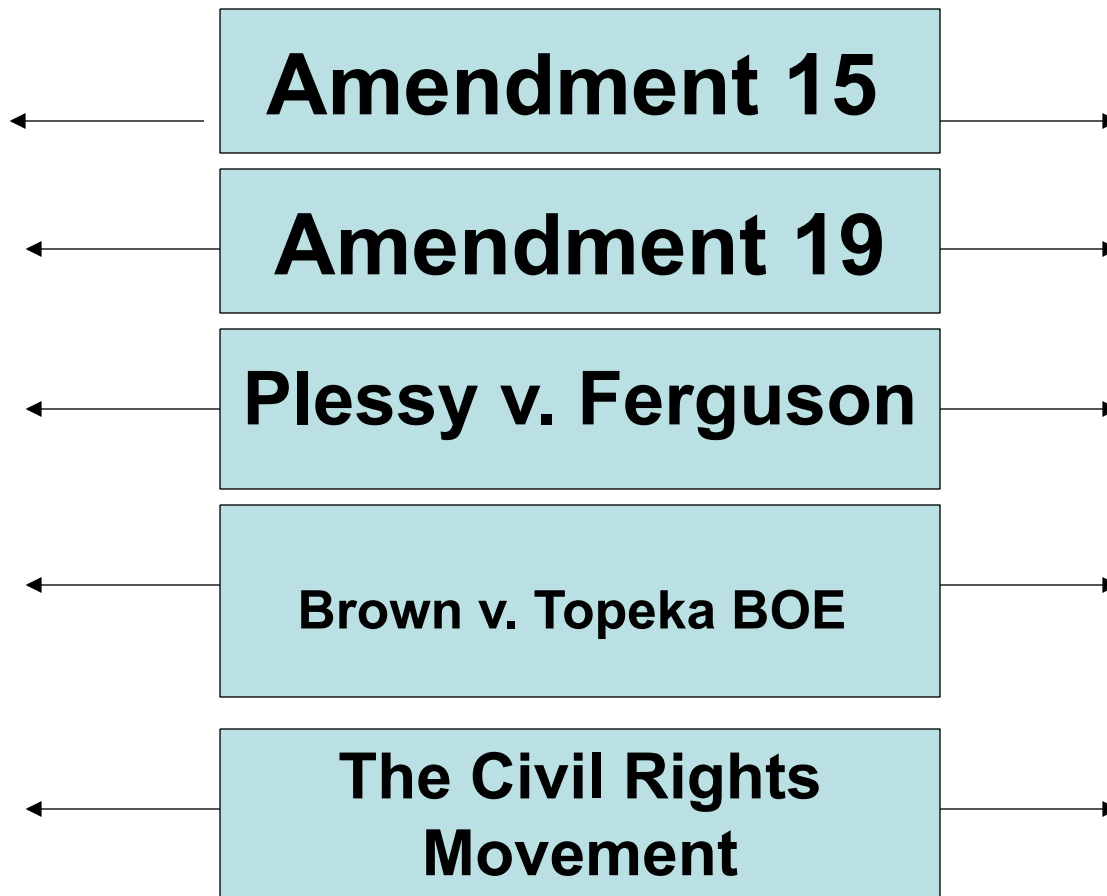


Examples of Amendments

- Power comes from Article XIII of the NC Constitution. (Text is incorrect!)
- NC has fewer amendments than most because it provides a basic framework and is interpreted by the NC Court system.
 - Amendment to lower voting age in 1972.
 - Amendment to allow Governor to serve up to two consecutive terms in 1977. (No maximum limit!)
 - Amendment to give Governor veto power in 1996.
 - In 2012 NC declared marriage is between only one man and one woman. (Art. 14, sec. 6). This amendment was unconstitutional by the SCOTUS in Oberfeld v. Hodges

Read 12.3 & 12.4. Complete Organizer for p. 25.

Define ← Government Action → Impact in NC



Speech Analysis: Use the excerpt below to discuss the impact.



- Excerpt from Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" Speech.. Delivered on August 28, 1963, on the steps of the Washington, D.C., Lincoln Memorial during The March on Washington. Over 250,000 people attended.
- "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal." I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today."

Greensboro Sit-ins: Study the photo to discuss actions.



Civil Disobedience Discussion

- Why do you think these types of protest were successful?
- What other aspects of these protest made them successful?
- What do you feel strongly enough about to act this courageously?
- Why does change take so long?

Assignment for p. 26

- Read 13.1, p. 791 and Internet link on Symbaloo board to complete questions & chart for p. 26.
- Due Tomorrow!