

Forming a Government

Vocabulary Builder

Section 1

constitution

Magna Carta

Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom

Articles of Confederation

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence and choose the correct term from the word bank to replace the underlined phrase. Write the term in the space provided and then define the term in your own words.

1. The Land Ordinance of 1785 was the national constitution created by the thirteen-member committee appointed by the Second Continental Congress.

Your definition: _____

2. The English Bill of Rights, which included Jefferson's ideas about religious freedom, stated that no Virginian would be forced to attend a particular church nor to pay for one with tax money. _____

Your definition: _____

3. The Northwest Territory, which limited the power of its kings and queens, was signed by King John in 1215. _____

Your definition: _____

4. A Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom is a set of basic principles and laws that states the powers and duties of the government. _____

Your definition: _____

tariffs

interstate commerce

depression

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FILL IN THE BLANK For each of the following statements, fill in the blank with the appropriate word, phrase, or name.

1. _____, signed in 1215, required the king to follow the same laws as other English people.
2. The English Bill of Rights kept the king or queen from passing new taxes or changing laws without the approval of _____.
3. The first government of the United States did not have a president or a national _____.
4. The Confederation Congress passed the _____ to create a system for surveying and dividing public lands.
5. Colonial documents such as the _____ and the Connecticut constitution influenced American government.
6. The Virginia Statute for _____ established a precedent of religious tolerance and freedom.
7. The constitutions of many states expanded _____, or voting rights, by allowing any white man who paid taxes to vote.
8. The _____ was a document that created the first central government for the United States.
9. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 established territorial representation, public education and prohibited _____ in the Northwest Territory.
10. During the American Revolution most colonies wrote _____ that supported limited, republican governments.