American Government

Unit 1 Study Guide

1. Identify the four major purposes of government and give an example of each. Use the organizer below.

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| Purpose | Example |
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1. Find definitions for the following vocabulary words.
   1. Government
   2. State
   3. Nation
   4. Confederacy
   5. Autocracy
   6. Monarchy
   7. Oligarchy
   8. Democracy (2 types)
2. Who were some enlightenment thinkers that influenced American democracy?
3. Identify who rules in each of the three types of government. Use the organizer below.

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| Type of Government | Ruler or rulers |
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1. What are the three characteristics of a democracy?
2. A plan that provides the rules for government is called…
3. What were some problems with the Articles of Confederation?
4. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
5. Who is the “Father of the Constitution?
6. What are the three parts of the Constitution?
7. What are the first ten amendments called?
8. What are the three branches of government?
9. Complete the following graphic organizers.

Virginia Plan

Executive

Legislative Judicial

New Jersey Plan

Executive

Legislative Judicial

Constitution

Executive

Legislative Judicial

1. What were some compromises made at the Constitutional Convention?
2. What is the Preamble?
3. What was the main argument between the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists?
4. What are the six principles of the Constitution? Give an example of each.



1. Complete the chart.

Powers of National Government Powers of State Government

Powers of Both