

Critical Competency 2 Questions (C2A)

1. A type of government where people elect others to make laws & conduct government:
A) Representative Government B) Direct Democracy
C) Monarchy D) Articles of Confederation
2. The idea that government was not all powerful first appeared in:
A) The Constitution B) The Declaration of Independence
C) The Magna Carta D) Calvin & Hobbes
3. The original 13 colonies were controlled by:
A) France
B) England
C) Spain
D) Portugal
4. What bird almost became our national bird?
A) Vulture B) Turkey C) Robin D) Big Bird
5. This document declared the colonies free and listed grievances against the king.
A) Constitution
B) Articles of Confederation
C) English Bill of Rights of 1689
D) Declaration of Independence
6. This man wrote the Declaration of Independence.
A) Thomas Paine
B) Thomas Jefferson
C) Thomas Newton
D) Adam Smith
7. Which of the following did not sign the Declaration of Independence?
A) Edward Rutledge B) Arthur Middleton C) Francis Lewis D) Alfred E. Neuman
8. The nation's first government was put together during the Revolutionary War and was operating by the time the Treaty to the end of the war was signed. The document that represented this new government was known as the:
A) Articles of Confederation
B) Bill of Rights
C) The Constitution
D) Declaration of Independence

9. The main reason that the colonies fought to declare their independence from England was:

- A) **Taxation without representation**
- B) **The Boston Tea Party**
- C) **Shay's Rebellion**
- D) **The Whiskey Rebellion**

10. The states originally got together during the Annapolis convention to change the Articles of Confederation. Eventually they got rid of the Articles and created the:

- A) **Constitution**
- B) **Declaration of Independence**
- C) **Bill of Rights**
- D) **Fundamental Orders of Connecticut**

11. The two political parties that emerged from the fight over the Constitution were:

- A) **Democrats and Republicans**
- B) **Federalists and Anti-Federalists**
- C) **Madisonians and Jeffersonians**
- D) **Know-nothings and Whigs**

12. According to Montesquieu, governments should have this, so that one branch of government does not become more powerful than any other.

- A) **Natural law (Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness)**
- B) **Federalism (National and State laws)**
- C) **Separation of Powers (Legislative, Executive, Judicial)**
- D) **Freedom of the Press (New York Times, Washington Post)**

13. A passport will be valid for how long?

- A) **5-10 years**
- B) **1 year**
- C) **Life**
- D) **6 months**

14. Thomas Paine created a pamphlet that explained the reasons for Independence from England. It was called:

- A) **Wake UP!!!**
- B) **Common Sense**
- C) **What You Don't Know!**
- D) **Textbook of the American Revolution**

15. Which of the following came first?

- A) **Articles of Confederation**
- B) **Declaration of Independence**
- C) **The Constitution**
- D) **The Federalist**