

# **Class: Am. Gov.**

## **Lesson 11: April 6**

**Learning Target: I can analyze historical documents and explain their influence on American Government**



Pilgrims Signing the Compact On Board  
the Mayflower Nov. 11, 1620  
Provincetown Harbor, Mass.



# #1

## Warm Up

# #2

Why is it important to write rules down? For example; My class syllabus says you will have 3 Unit exams worth 50% of your grade and weekly binder quizzes.

- Write 1 sentence that explains how having a class syllabi on file benefits the teacher, student or school? (choose 1)

**COPY** the following term and its definition and write 1 sentence explaining why that “Big Idea” that influenced our American Government is necessary.

- *Rule of Law- Every member of a society, including the ruler or government, must follow the law.*



# Lesson Activity pt. 1

**Watch the short video** about the  
Magna Carta and Mayflower  
Compact and **take notes** like the  
example provided for you on the  
next slide. (Just take notes like the  
slide shows. No need to print  
anything)

**Link** to video #1  
Magna Carta

**Link** to video #2  
Mayflower  
Compact



## Lesson Activity pt. 2

### *Video #1 Magna Carta*

Title: U1 Magna Carta (1215)

**Summary/Purpose of Document:**

**What changed as a result of this document?**

### *Video #2 Magna Carta*

Title: U1 Mayflower Compact (1620)

**Summary/Purpose of Document:**

**What changed as a result of this document?**



# Practice 1

The Magna Carta and Mayflower Compact influenced our American Government in many ways. One of the “big ideas” that was introduced in 1215 was Rule of Law. Look back at your notes and read the definition again for rule of law and find an example of rule of law in the headlines. Use any newspaper from the past 6 months:

1. Summarize article- 3-5 sentences
2. Date of publication March 13, 2020
3. Title/Headline\_ Governor faces indictment on bribery charges; faces constituency in court
4. Author\_ Smith, John
5. Newspaper\_ New York Times



# Reflection

PRINCIPLES OF THE CONSTITUTION	
<b>POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY</b>	The people establish government and are the source of its power.
<b>LIMITED GOVERNMENT</b>	Government powers are restricted to protect individual rights.
<b>SEPARATION OF POWERS</b>	The power to govern is divided among executive, legislative, and judicial branches to prevent the concentration and abuse of power by any one branch.
<b>CHECKS AND BALANCES</b>	Each branch of government has the authority to check, or restrain, some powers of the other two branches.
<b>JUDICIAL REVIEW</b>	The judiciary has the power to strike down laws and other government actions as invalid under the Constitution.
<b>FEDERALISM</b>	The rights of the states are protected by dividing powers between the national government and the state governments.

Looking at the list of principles of the constitution on the left, which 2 principles were influenced by each of the founding documents we just studied? Justify your answer

Magna Carta = \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_

Mayflower Compact = \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_