RLP-GOV · RLP American Government — Principles of American Democracy

Unit 5: Missouri American Government Supplement

Practice Workbook. The same problems, in the same order, as the Practice sections of the online lessons.

Name _____ Period _____

Lesson 5.1 — Roots of American Government: Written Law, Colonial Self-Rule and Geography

FLUENCY

1. Put in date order and give one date for each: Mayflower Compact; Magna Carta; first Virginia General Assembly; Twelve Tables; Fundamental Orders of Connecticut.

2. Define codification and name one enduring idea of government it helped create.

3. Under the 1621 Virginia ordinance, who chose the burgesses, and what power did the governor keep?

APPLICATION

4. Quote one phrase from the Mayflower Compact that shows consent and one that shows obedience to law. Explain why a self-governing community needs both.

5. Hammurabi's laws 196 and 198 set different penalties depending on the victim's rank. Compare this with Magna Carta's clause 39. What did each contribute, and what did neither guarantee?

6. Explain two ways geography shaped colonial government, with one source for each.

7. Using Federalist No. 14, the Treaty of Paris and the Louisiana Purchase Treaty, explain how the Mississippi River mattered to the government of the young United States and to the land that became Missouri.

REVIEW

8. Unit 1 review: Locke said legitimate government rests on consent. Which colonial document from this lesson shows settlers creating a government by their own consent, and how?

Lesson 5.2 — From the Articles of Confederation to Ratification

FLUENCY

1. Under the Articles of Confederation, how many votes did each state have in Congress, how many states had to agree to coin money or borrow, and who had to approve an amendment?

2. Name the three powers over money and trade that Article I, Section 8 gives Congress and that Congress lacked under the Articles.

3. Define Federalist and Anti-Federalist and name one writer for each side.

APPLICATION

4. Hamilton wrote that Congress's requisitions were 'mere recommendations which the States observe or disregard at their option.' Which article of the Articles explains why, and how did the Constitution change it?

5. Compare trade under the two documents: one clause from each, and one effect on a merchant shipping goods from one state to another.

6. Argue whether the Articles or the Constitution better carried out the Declaration's ideal that governments secure rights by 'the consent of the governed.' Give evidence for both sides before concluding.

7. How were Anti-Federalist fears addressed so that ratification succeeded? Use two documents.

REVIEW

8. Unit 1 review: Federalist No. 51 says government must first 'control the governed' and then 'control itself.' Which of those two problems did the Articles fail to solve, and which did the Bill of Rights address?

Lesson 5.3 — Government in Action: A Missouri Policy Case and the Election Map

FLUENCY

1. What does Article IV, Section 36(c) of the Missouri Constitution make adults aged 19 to 64 eligible for, at what income level, and from what date?

2. Which section of the Missouri Constitution reserves the initiative to the people, and which limits it on spending?

3. Official results, August 4, 2020: Amendment 2 received 676,687 yes and 593,491 no. Compute the total and the yes share.

APPLICATION

4. List four actors in the MO HealthNet case and the power each used.

5. Give two intended and two unintended (unplanned) effects of the 2020 decision, and say how you can tell which is which.

6. Predict: if a state agency does not carry out a measure the voters approved, what are two likely consequences? Then predict one consequence when many eligible voters do not take part.

7. St. Louis City, St. Louis County and Jackson County (with Kansas City) cast 339,340 yes and 109,314 no on Amendment 2. Statewide it was 676,687 yes and 593,491 no. What were the totals and yes share in the rest of Missouri, and what does that show?

8. Jasper County (76.5% urban) voted 33.6% yes; Boone County (77.2% urban) voted 66.6% yes. Write two sentences an honest analyst could publish about urban share and the vote.

REVIEW

9. Unit 3 review: name the two kinds of direct democracy in Article III, Section 49 and say which one the 2020 MO HealthNet amendment used.

10. Unit 4 review: why is a primary-election ballot measure likely to be decided by fewer voters than a measure on a November presidential ballot?